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宮永咲は全国の切符を手にすることが
できるのか――!?

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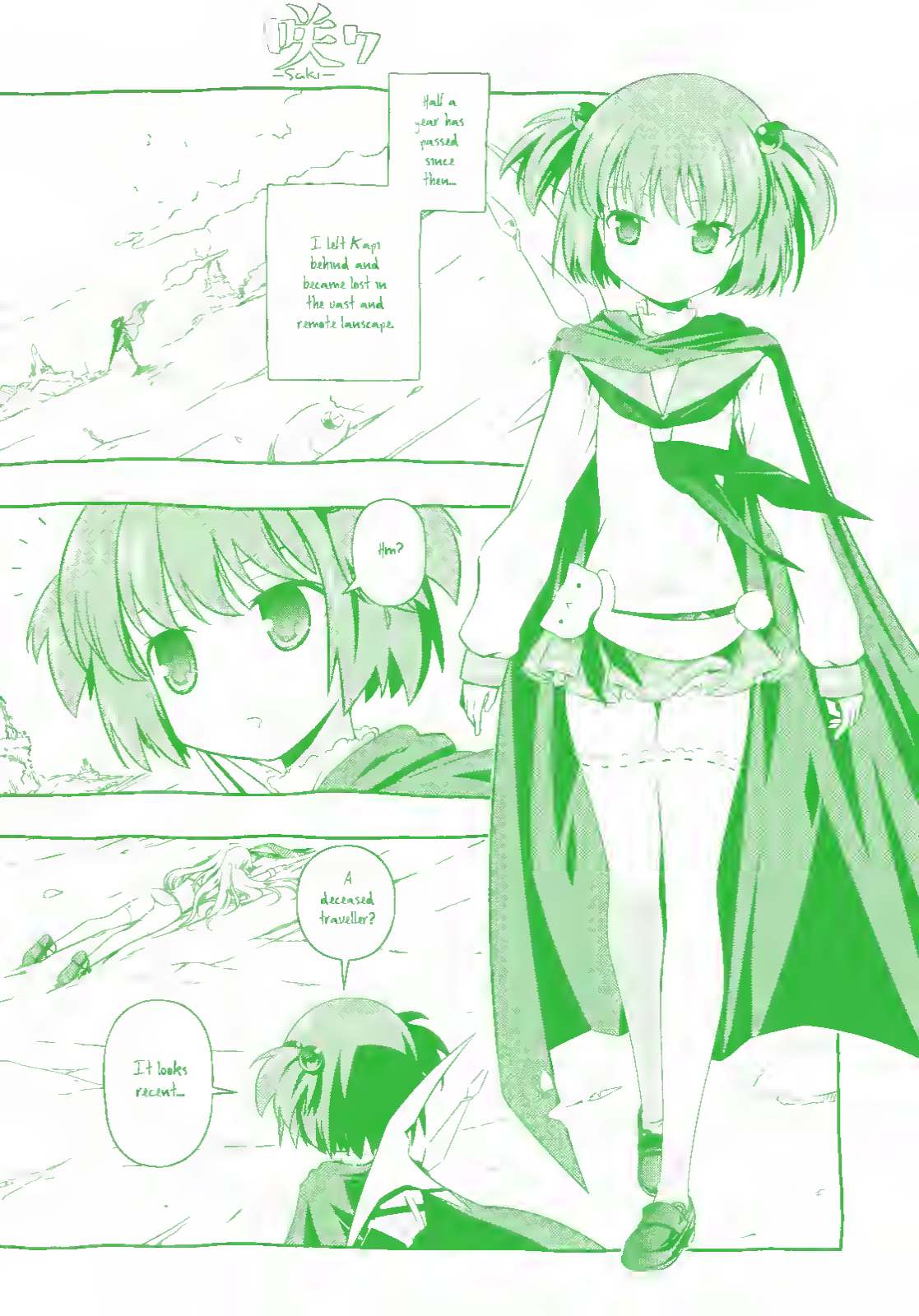
Half a year has passed since then...
I left Kapi behind and became lost in the vast and remote landscape.
Hm?
A deceased traveller?
It looks recent...

Tutorial and Glossary for Japanese Mahjong

To help you follow Saki's mahjong, we have put together this page to explain how Japanese mahjong works and as a handy reference.

Basic Rules

In Japanese mahjong, there are 4 players. Each player keeps a hand of 13 tiles. When a player has their turn, that player draws a new tile. If those 14 tiles complete all the conditions for victory, that player wins the round. If not, that player has to discard a tile. Any of the other three players then has the opportunity to call "ron" and take that discarded tile if it would complete one of their own conditions for victory.

Tiles

Tiles are either of a particular suit, or are honor tiles. There are three suits: man, sou, and pin. Tiles in each suit are numbered from 1 to 9. Honor tiles consist of the 3 dragon tiles and the 4 wind tiles. Numbers 1 and 9 in each suit are called terminal tiles. Together honor tiles and terminal tiles are called end tiles.

3 Suits

Honor Tiles

How to Win

To win a round, a player must have a complete hand and at least 1 yaku. There are three types of complete hands:

1. A hand of 1 toitsu and 4 chi or kan or pon.
2. A hand of 7 toitsu.
3. Kokushi musou

Mahjong Glossary

General:

Dead wall - Several tiles that are set aside at the start of the round and not normally drawn from.
Dealer round - An extra round that does not count toward the total number of rounds in the game, and which takes place after a dealer wins a round.
Dora - A designated tile which counts as 1 han
Double East - When the Dealer in the East position acquires the East tile, because the Round wind and the Seat wind coincide, it becomes a double yaku
Fu - A scoring unit that is less than han and more than basic points. Also refers to any rule used to calculate fu.
Han-chan - A game consisting of 8 rounds (barring extra dealer rounds) where each player deals 2 rounds
Horse - An optional rule where extra points are given to the winners of the round, usually the first and second place.
Iishanten - A state in which you are one tile away from Tenpai.
Jigoku Tanki / Hell wait - A situation in which effectively, there is only a single tile with which you can complete a pair
Kutan - Making an open Tanyao
Menzen - Fully closed hand, never having called "ron" and revealed any of one's tiles
Reverse dora - An extra bonus tile that is flipped over when a player who declared "riichi" wins the round.
Ron - To pick up a discard. "Ron" can be called when another player discards the tile a player needs to win. That tile is then used to complete a chi, kan, or pon, which is then set aside. The closed portion of the player's hand becomes smaller (It's not menzen anymore.) In addition, points are transferred from the player who discarded to the player who called "ron."
Ryankan - A type of wait where the tiles form patterns like 1-man, 3-man, 5-man or 4-pin, 6-pin, 8-pin, etc
Ryanshanten - A state in which one's hand is two tiles away from Tenpai
Tenpai - The state of needing only 1 more tile to complete a hand. Tenpai is necessary to call "ruchi," so it would typically be spoken in that context. "[Some yaku] tenpai" refers to when only 1 more tile is required to obtain that yaku.
Tobi - A rule in which the game ends as soon as any player has 0 or less points.
Tsumo - "Tsumo" is called when a player draws the tile they need to win, but is not sufficient to win without additional yaku. "Menzen chin tsumohou," a yaku, is frequently declared as "tsumo"
Tsumikomi - A frowned-upon strategy where a player gathers advantageous tiles into their wall before the round begins, and therefore gets the tiles they want more quickly
Wait - The state of needing one more tile to win after declaring "ruchi." There are different types of waits, depending on how many different tiles could complete the hand and how each affects the hand's value
Wall - The undrawn tiles. Each player typically draws only from a specific part of the wall referred to as that player's wall, unless forced to draw from another player's wall because no more of theirs remains
Yaku - Special conditions necessary to win
Yaochuuhai - A general term for thirteen tiles in mahjong, which include honor tiles and end tiles

Score-related.

Baiman - An 8 to 10 han hand
Han - A score multiplier. The more han, the more your score increases exponentially. Some yaku are worth more han if they are menzen
Haneman - A 6 to 7 han hand.
Kazoe-yakuman - A 13 han or more hand. Scored the same as yakuman
Mangan - A 70 fu 3 han or more, 40 fu 4 han or more, or 5 han hand
Sanbaiman - An 11 to 12 han hand.
Yakuman - Hands that are so difficult to get that they are worth the maximum possible point value.

Tile melds:

Chi - 3 consecutive numbers, same suit Example. 2 pin, 3 pin, 4 pin
Kan - 4 of the same tile Example. haku haku, haku, haku. When a player completes a kan, they must draw an additional tile from the dead wall to maintain the ability to make 4 sets
Pon - 3 of the same tile. Example. 7 sou, 7 sou, 7 sou
Toitsu - 2 of the same tile. Example east wind, east wind.

Yaku / Yakuman

A full list of yaku can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Mahjong_yaku#List_of_yaku

Chun itsu - All tiles are in the same suit and none are honor tiles
Daisangen - A yakuman formed when one readies three complete sets of the Haku, Hatsu, and Chun tiles.
Double riichi - A "riichi" that is declared on the player's first turn, before anyone has declared a chi or kan or pon.
Hon itsu - All tiles are in the same suit or are honor tiles
Ippatsu - Winning within one turn of declaring "riichi."
Itsuki Shuukan - A yaku in which one's runs are within the same suit
Kokushi musou - A hand that consists of all end tiles, and one more end tile. A yakuman hand
Menzen chin - References a closed hand in the context of same other yaku Example. Menzen chin hon itsu consists of a closed hand and hon itsu.
Menchin - A combination of Menzen, a hand where you do not call tiles, worth 1 yaku, and Chinusou (a.k.a Chin itsu), a hand where all your tiles are of the same suit, worth 6 yaku
Riichi - The player chooses to sacrifice 1000 points to declare they only need 1 tile to win ("tenpai") After "riichi" is declared, the player's hand cannot change until that tile is drawn ("tsumo") or called ("ron").
Rinshan kaihou - When a player declares a kan and therefore has to draw an extra tile, and that tile completes the player's hand
Sanankou - When you win with a hand formation of three unrevealed Pons, worth two yaku.
Sanshoku - Three sequences of the same numbers in all three suits. Example: 6 man, 7 man, 8 man, 6 sou, 7 sou, 8 sou, 6 pin, 7 pin, 8 pin.
Suuankou - A hand that consists of only pon and kan and 1 toitsu, where none of the pon or kan were completed with "ron." A yakuman hand
Tanpin - No end tiles, and must be a double-sided wait
Tanyao - A hand that uses no end tiles
Toitoi - When you win with a hand formation of four Pons (or Kans) and a pair, worth two yaku.

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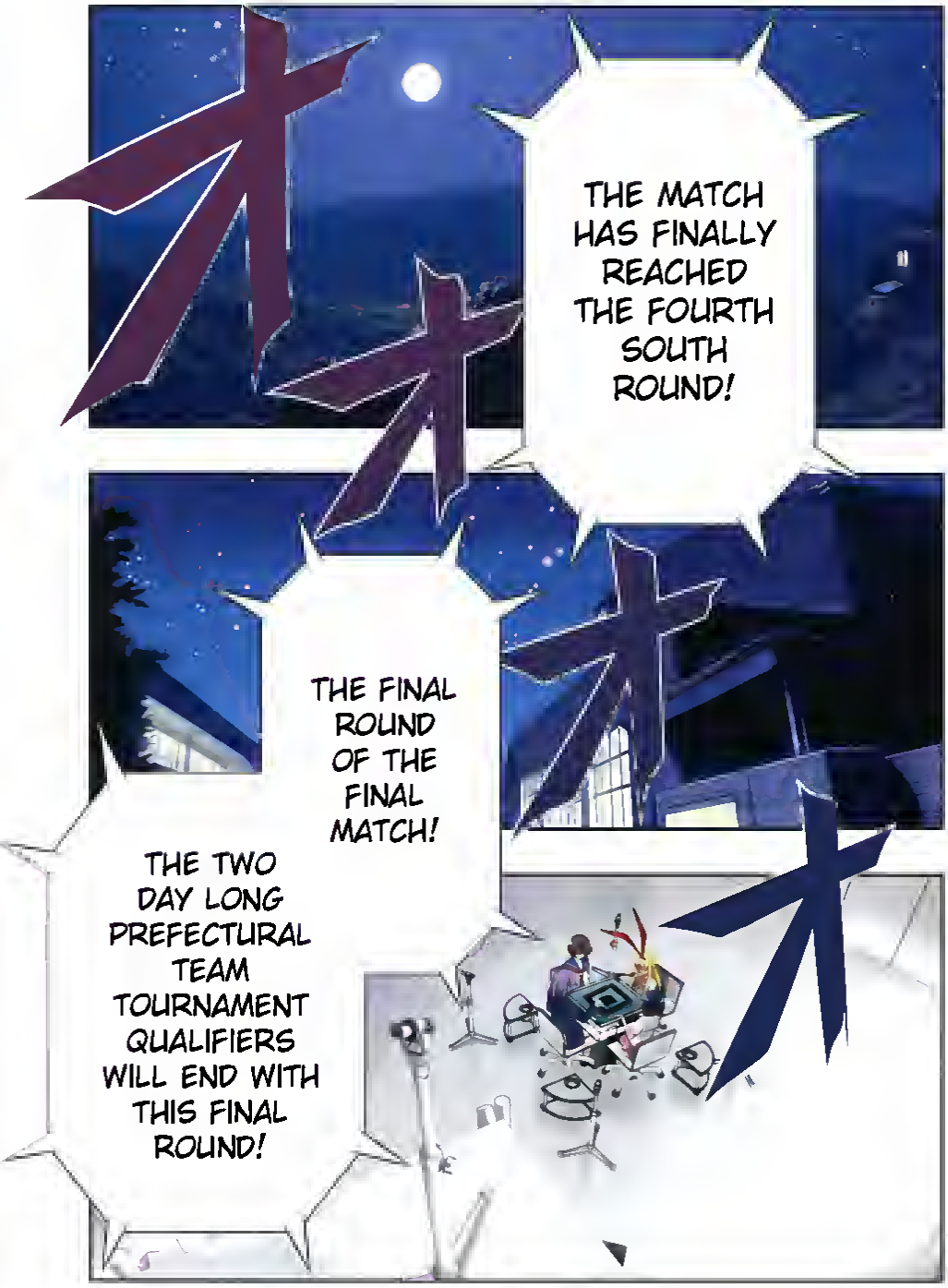
THE MATCH HAS FINALLY REACHED THE FOURTH SOUTH ROUND!
THE FINAL ROUND OF THE FINAL MATCH!
THE TWO DAY LONG PREFECTURAL TEAM TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS WILL END WITH THIS FINAL ROUND!

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Saki
小林立
THE HIGH SCHOOL THAT WILL GO TO THE NATIONALS WILL FINALLY BE DECIDED!!

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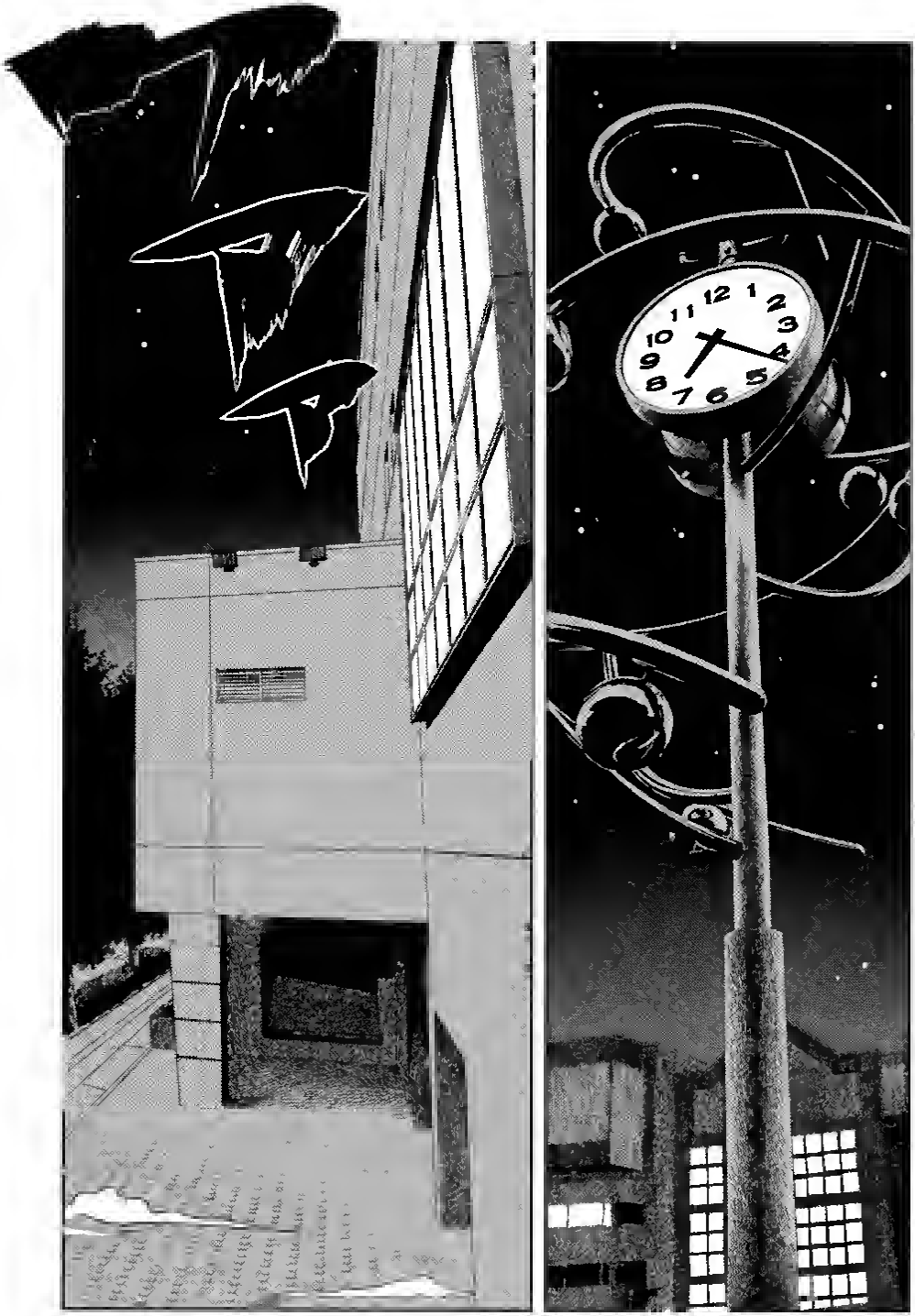
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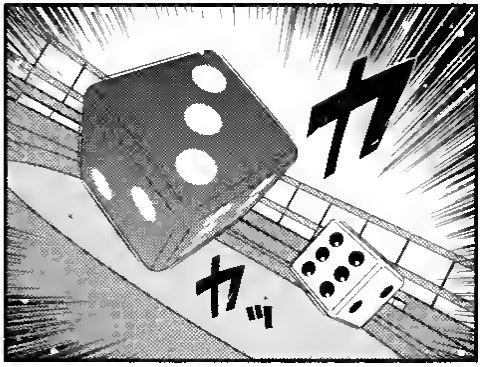
South Seat
Amae Koromo
Ryuumonbuchi High School
Second Year
168200 points
ENTERING THE FINAL ROUND WITH AN OVERWHELMING LEAD IS LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION, RYUUMONBUCHI HIGH SCHOOL!
North Seat
Miyanaga Saki
Kiyosumi High School
First Year
105700 points

East Seat (Dealer)
Kajiki Yumi
Tsuruga Academy
Third Year
90300 points
West Seat
Ikeda Kana
Kazekoshi Girls' High School
Second Year
35800 points
THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, THEY'LL WIN A SECOND STRAIGHT CHAMPION-SHIP!

THIS IS MY LAST TURN AS DEALER!!
WELL...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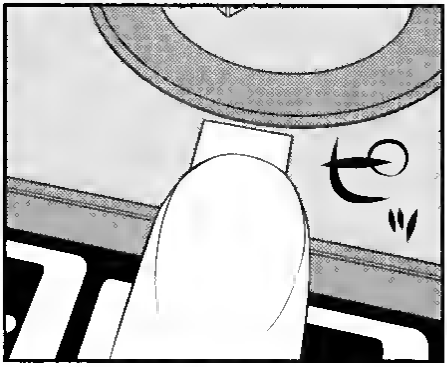
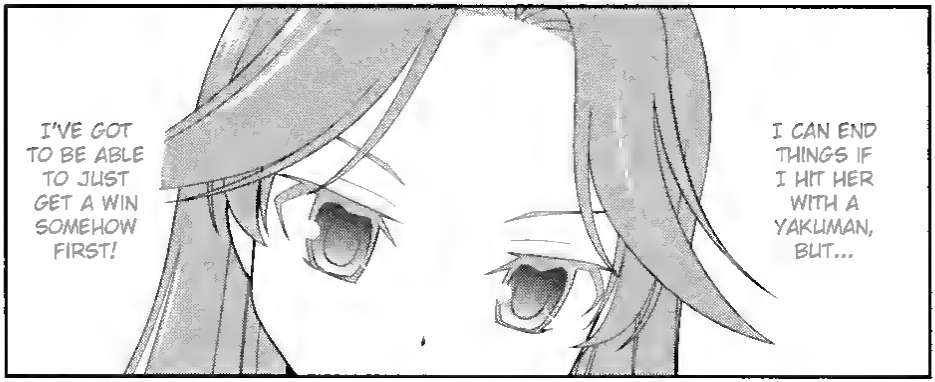
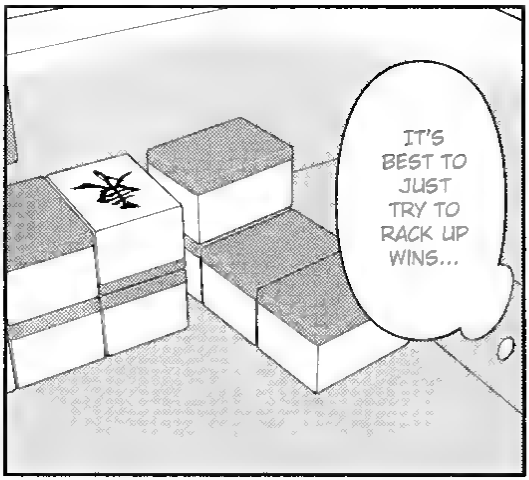
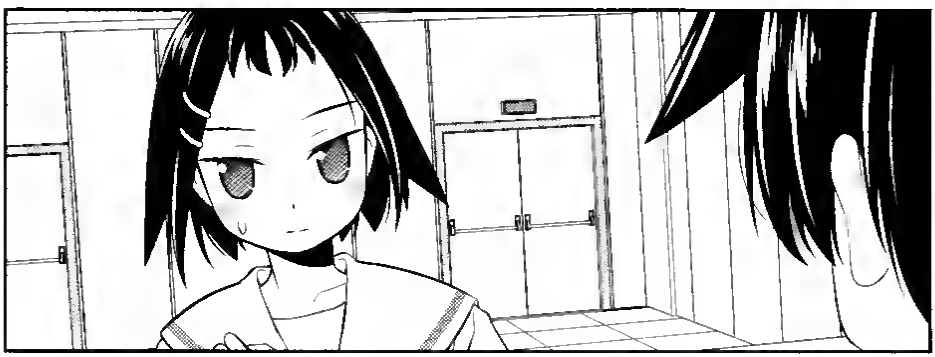
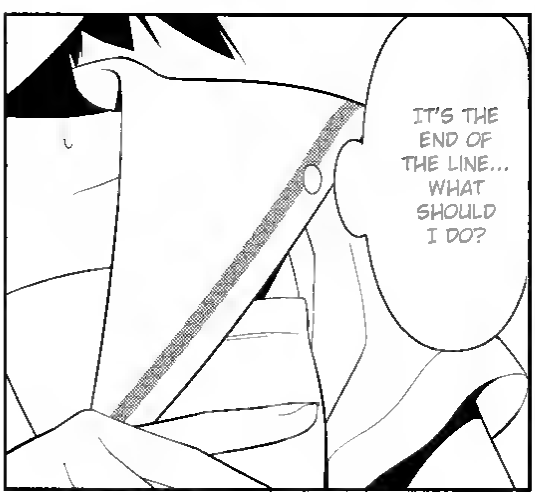


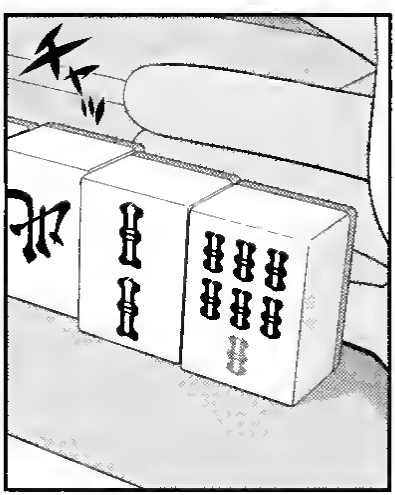

I'VE GOT TO BE ABLE TO JUST GET A WIN SOMEHOW FIRST!
I CAN END THINGS IF I HIT HER WITH A YAKUMAN, BUT...

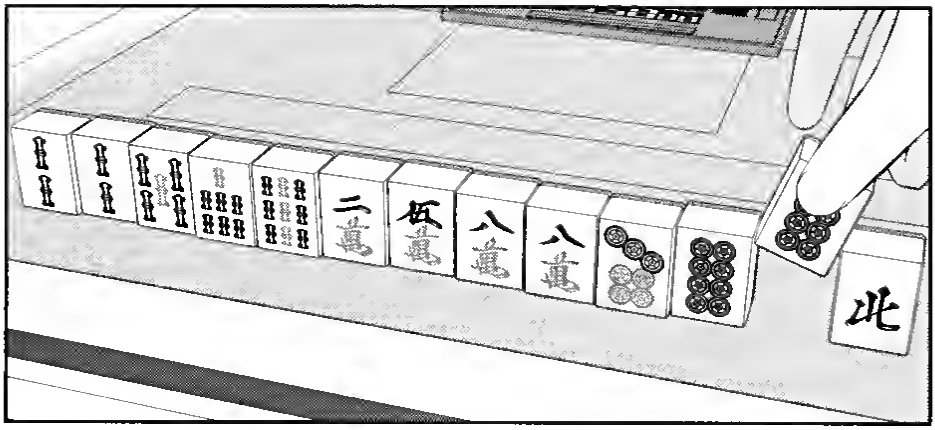
I CAN'T LOSE!!


IT'S BEST TO JUST TRY TO RACK UP WINS...




IT'S THE END OF THE LINE... WHAT SHOULD I DO?



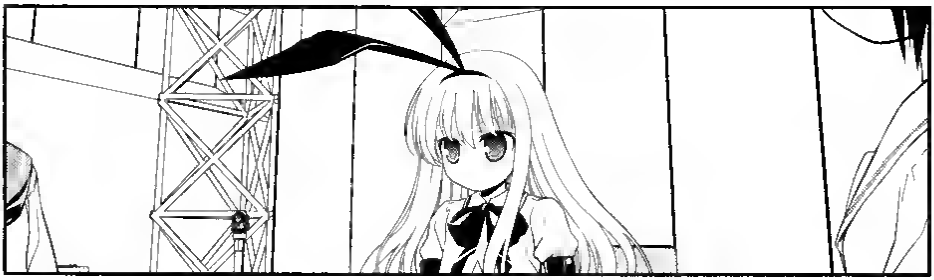


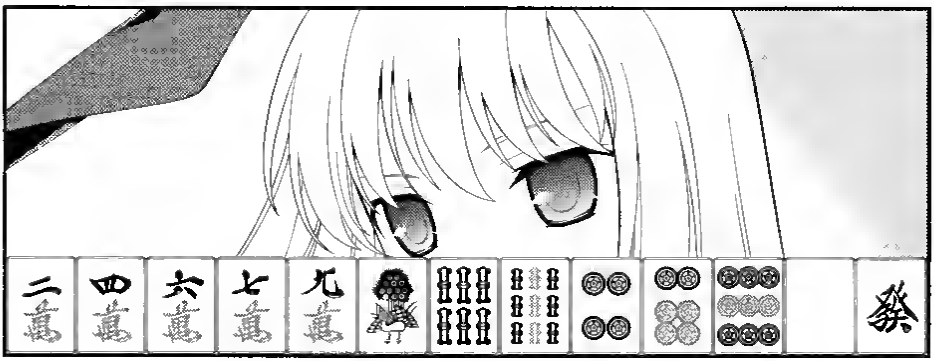
IF I COULD SOMEHOW GET TO TENPAI AND END THE ROUND IN A DRAW...
AND HAVE THAT HAPPEN THIRTY TIMES!!

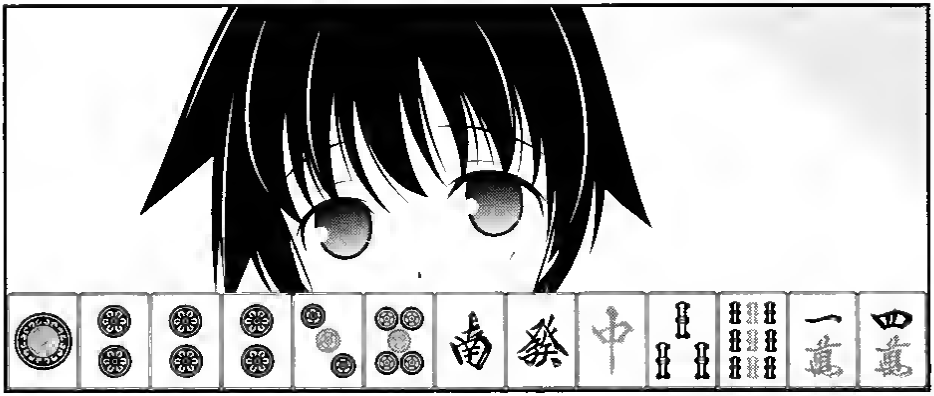
AND IF I WIN WITH A YAKUMAN AFTER THAT...

WELL, IT WILL GO FASTER IF SOMEONE THROWS A RIICHI STICK.

THEN KANA-CHAN WILL HAVE A MIRACULOUS COMEBACK VICTORY!
Nyaa!



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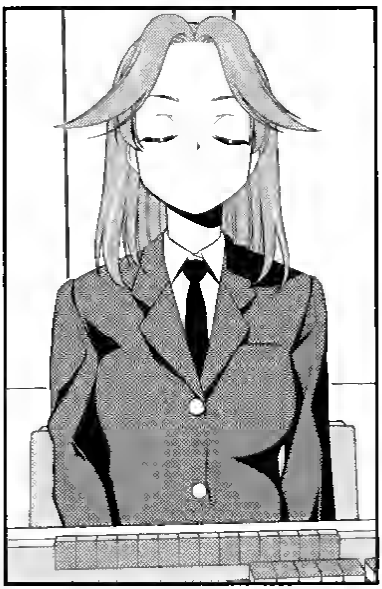

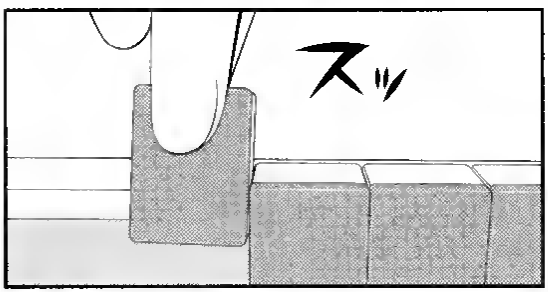
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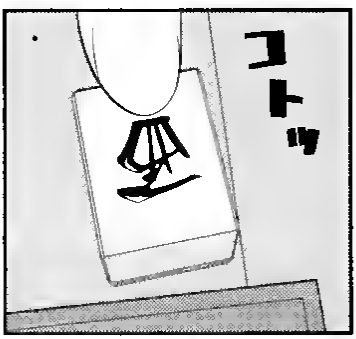
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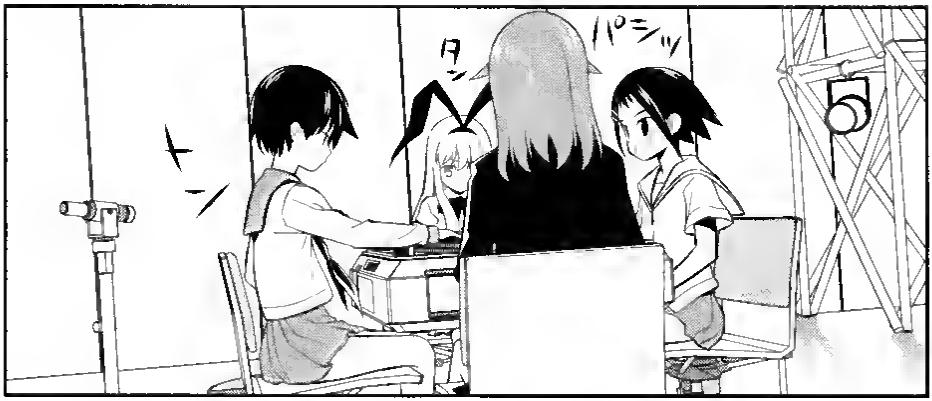

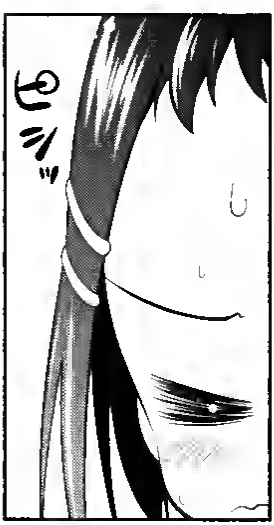

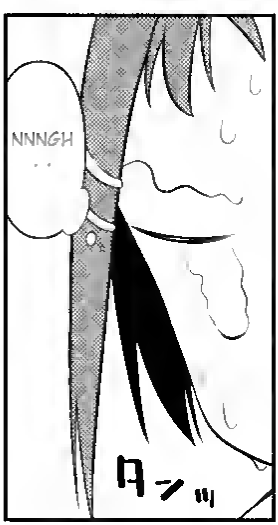
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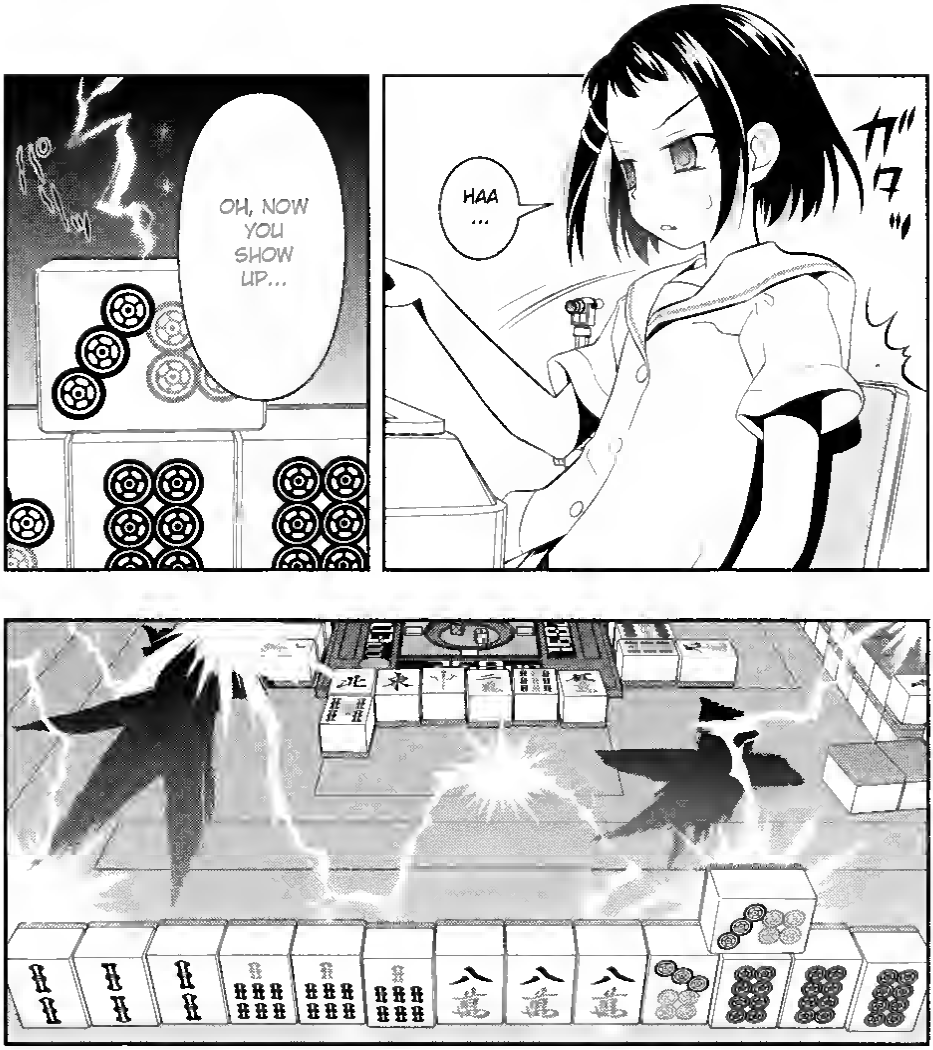
OH, NOW YOU SHOW UP...
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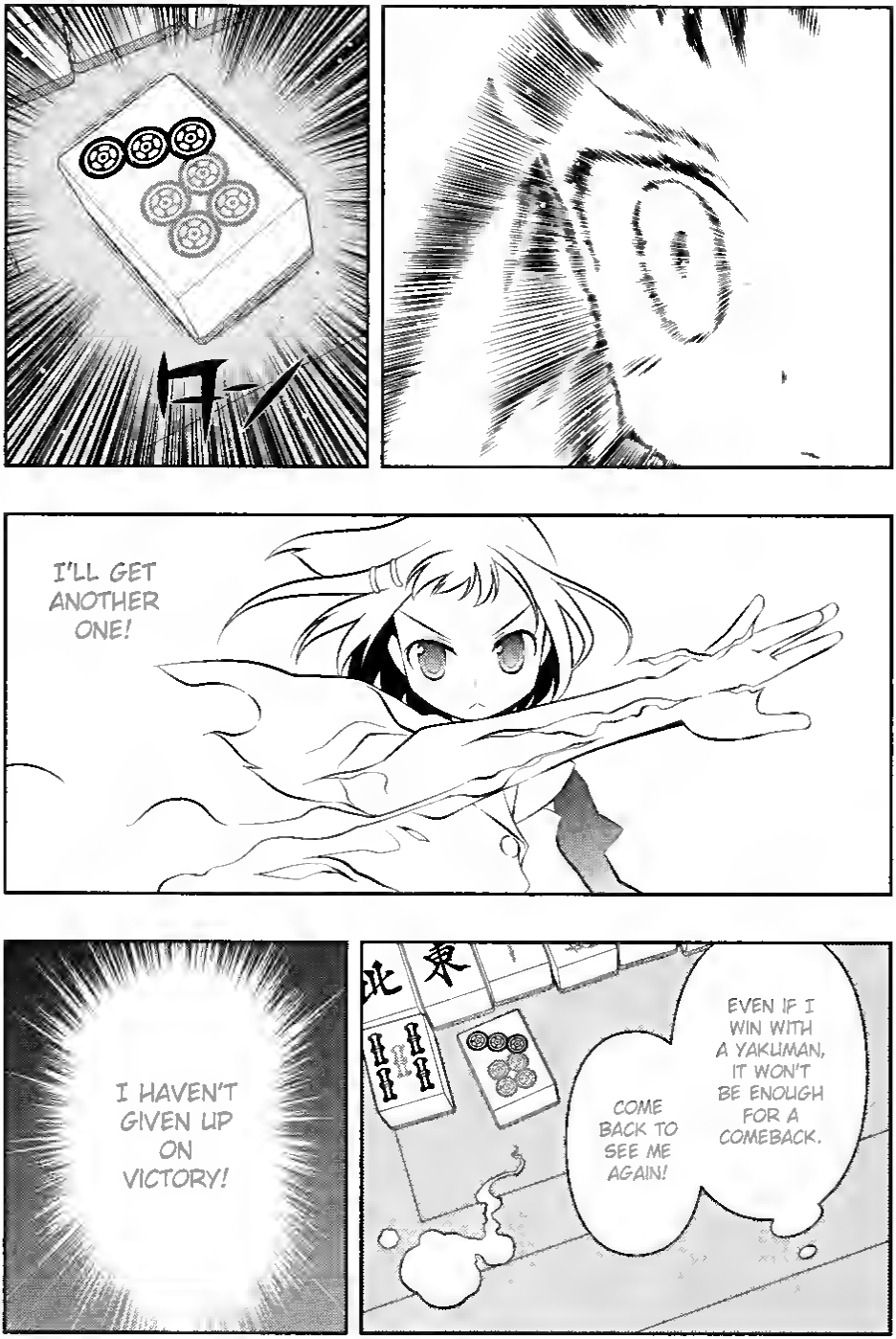
A SUUANKOU TSUMO FROM A ONE-SIDED WAIT!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I'LL GET ANOTHER ONE!
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON VICTORY!
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EVEN IF I WIN WITH A YAKUMAN, IT WON'T BE ENOUGH FOR A COMEBACK.
COME BACK TO SEE ME AGAIN!

I WASN'T EXPECTING KAZEKOSHI TO CHOOSE NOT TO WIN
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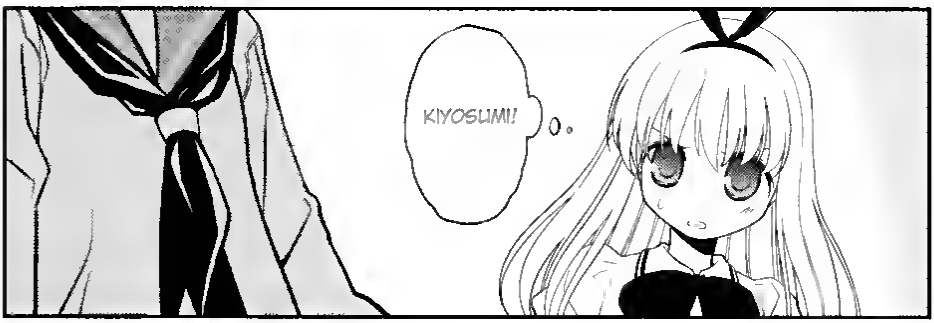
IT'S NOT THE 伍萬 !?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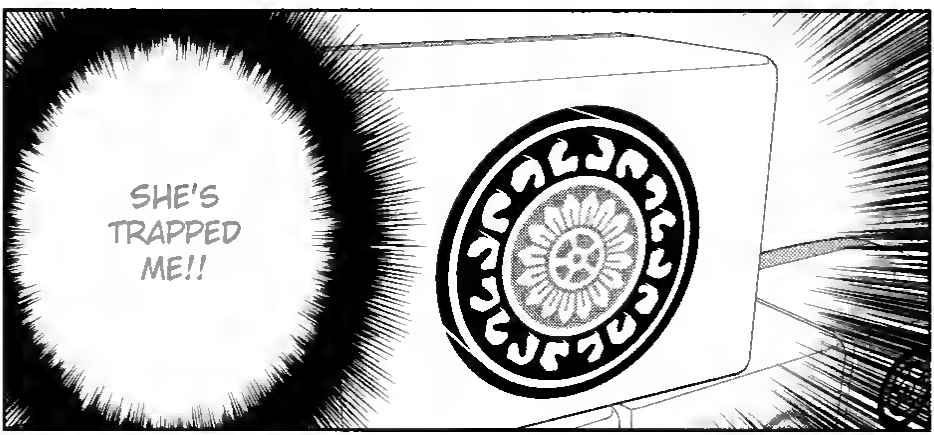
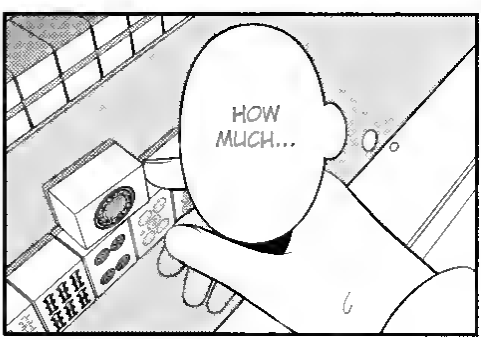

SHE'S TRAPPED ME!!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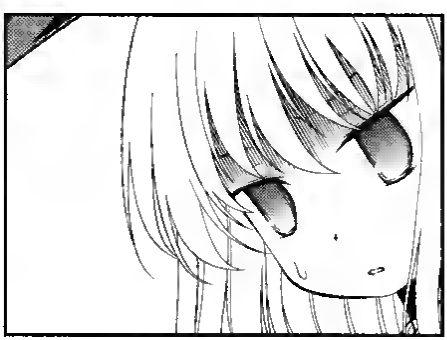
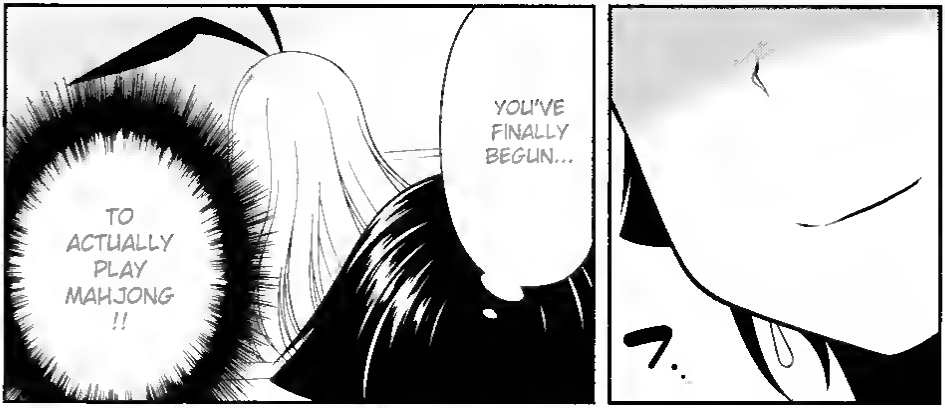
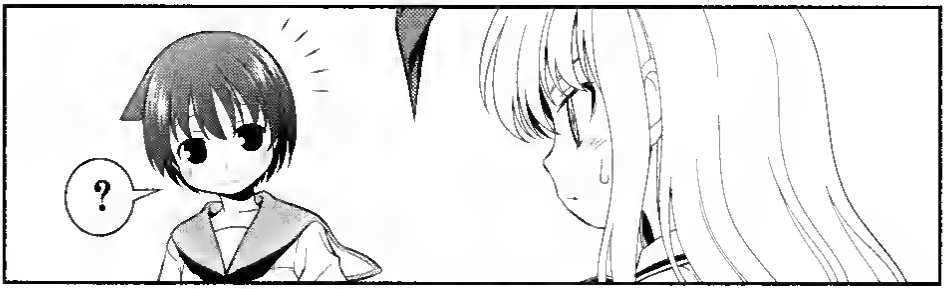


KOROMO IS HESI-TATING!?
HESI-TATING?
Broadcast Room


TO ACTUALLY PLAY MAHJONG !!
YOU'VE FINALLY BEGUN...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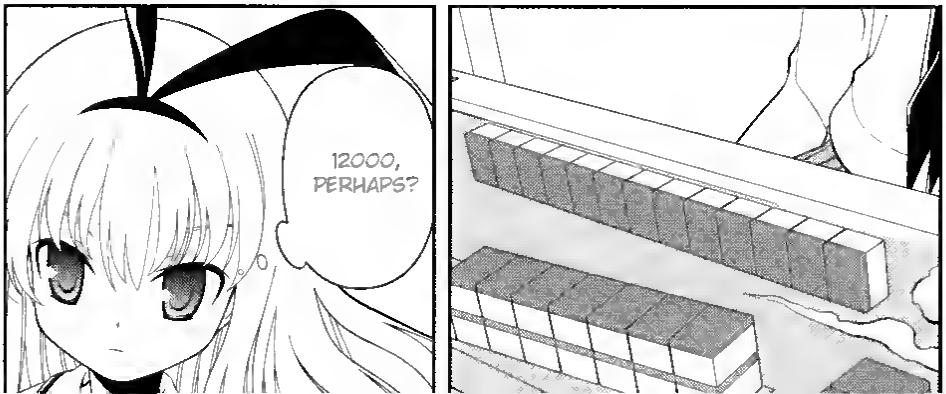
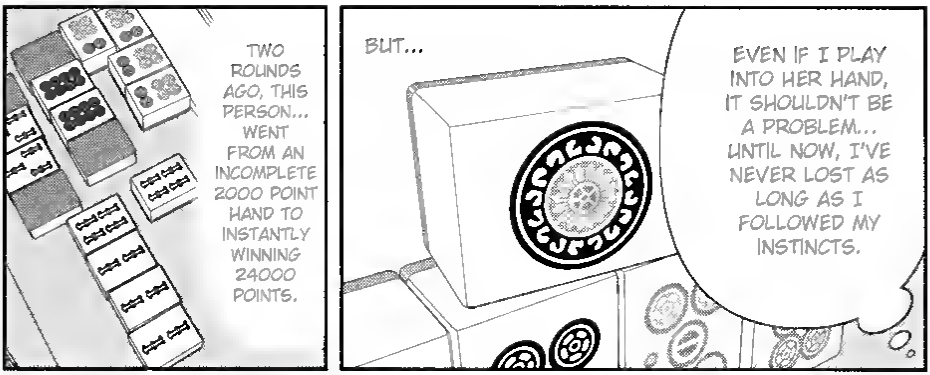
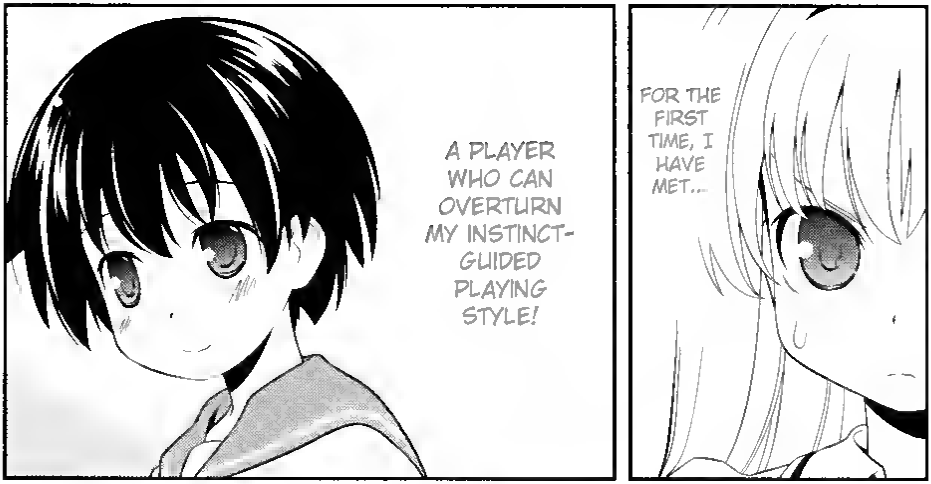
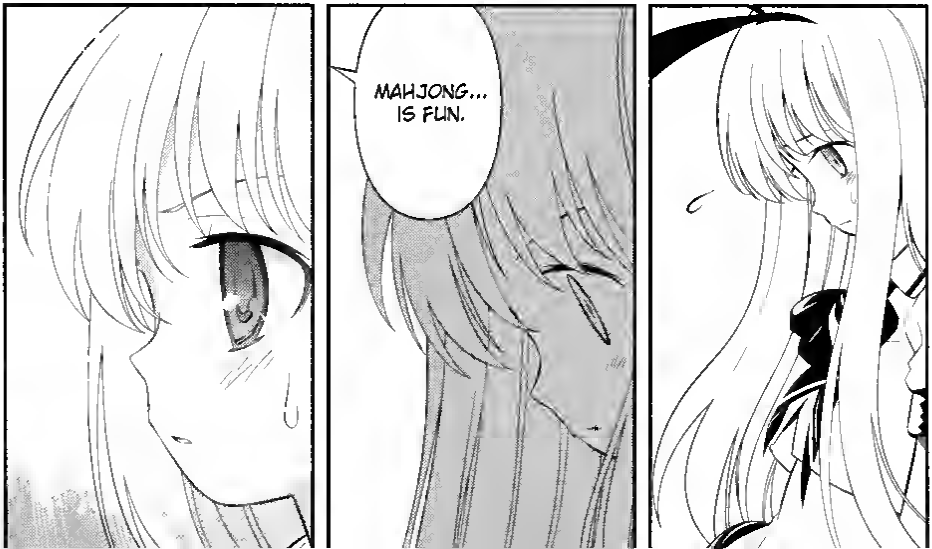
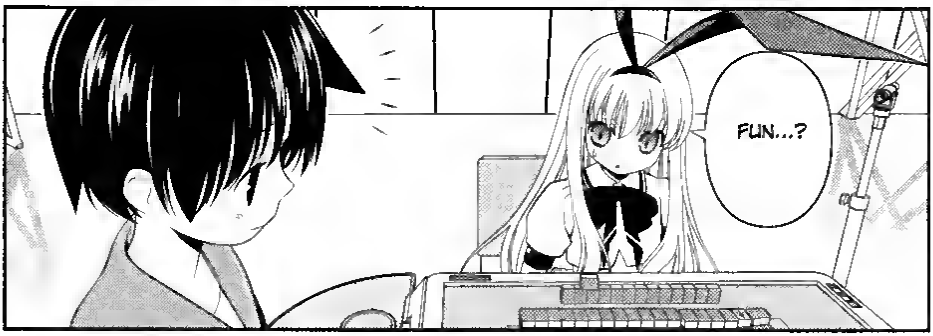

12000, PERHAPS?

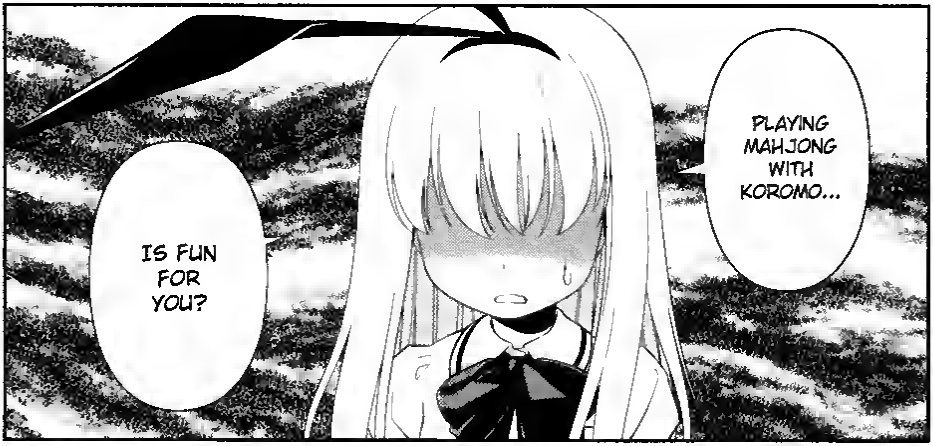

TWO ROUNDS AGO, THIS PERSON... WENT FROM AN INCOMPLETE 2000 POINT HAND TO INSTANTLY WINNING 24000 POINTS.
BUT...
EVEN IF I PLAY INTO HER HAND, IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM... UNTIL NOW, I'VE NEVER LOST AS LONG AS I FOLLOWED MY INSTINCTS.


A PLAYER WHO CAN OVERTURN MY INSTINCT-GUIDED PLAYING STYLE!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I HAVE MET...


MAHJONG... IS FUN.

GETTING TO PLAY WITH SO MANY PEOPLE TODAY
WAS REALLY FUN.


FUN...?


PLAYING MAHJONG WITH KOROMO...
IS FUN FOR YOU?

YES!

LET'S
HAVE FUN
TOGETHER!

Round 52: Bloom

PLAYING WITH KOROMO IS FUN FOR HER...?
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I WON'T BE MADE A SLAVE TO MY INSTINCTS!

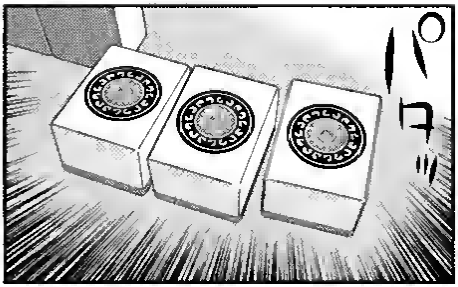
MY INSTINCTS TRY TO LEAVE ME WITH JUST ONE CHOICE.

IF THE FEELING I'M GETTING FROM KIYOSUMI'S HAND IS RIGHT...

HOWEVER, THIS IS WHAT I CHOOSE!

EVEN IF I PLAY INTO IT, KOROMO WILL STILL WIN!

GOING TO WIN ON IT?
NO.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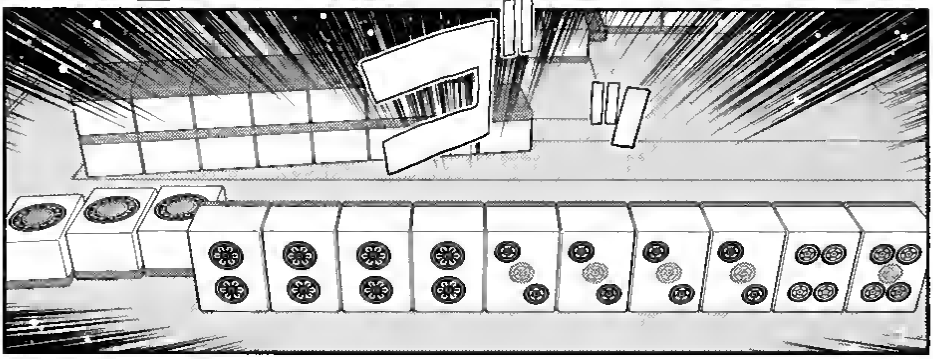
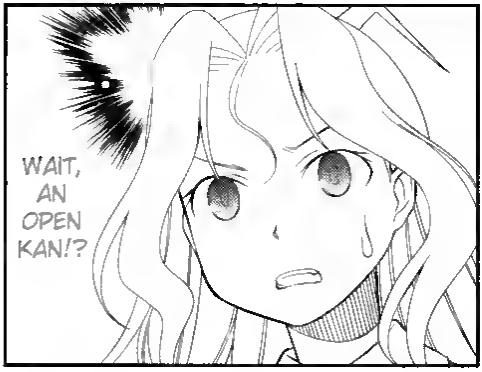
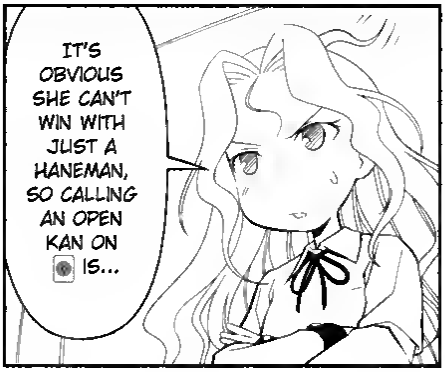
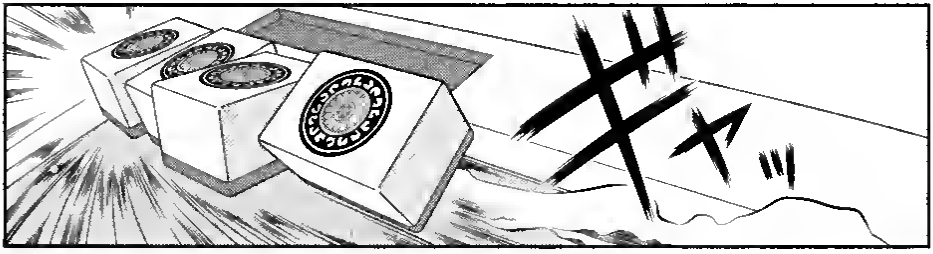
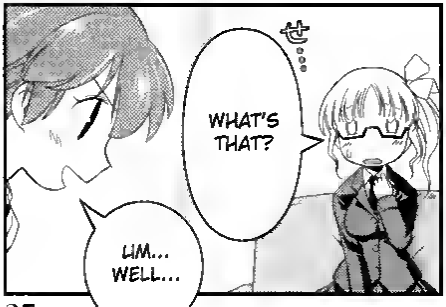
IF I RON THAT, I'LL LOSE... BUT...




WAIT, AN OPEN KAN!?


IT'S OBVIOUS SHE CAN'T WIN WITH JUST A HANEMAN, SO CALLING AN OPEN KAN ON 8 IS...

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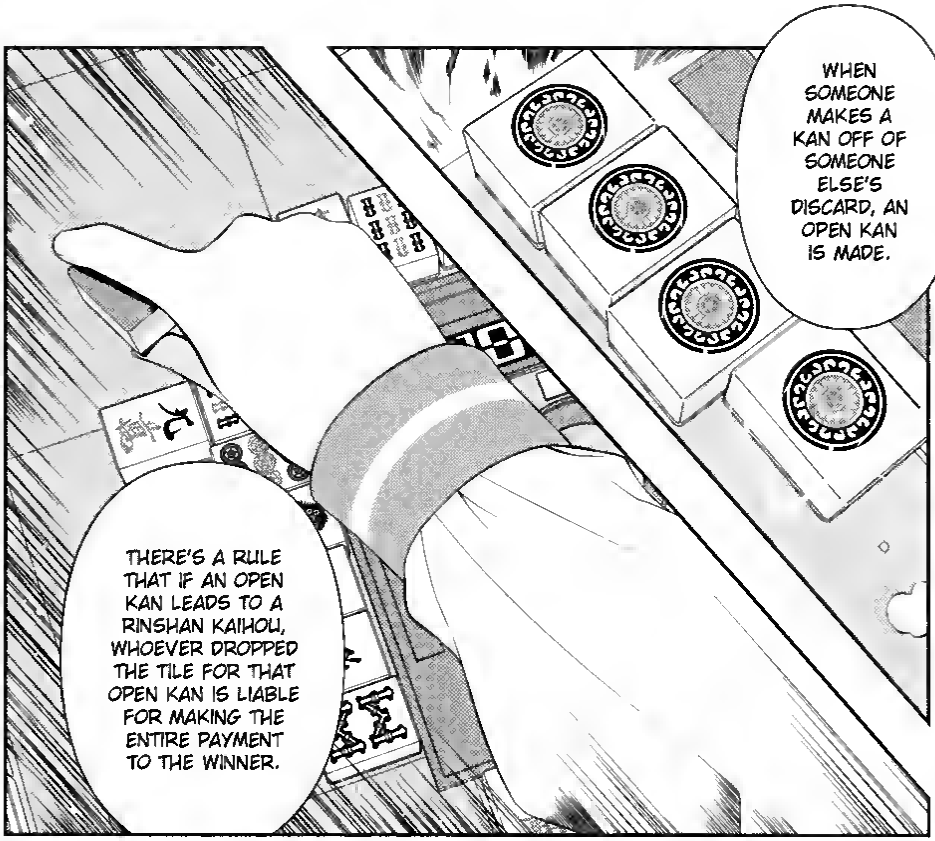
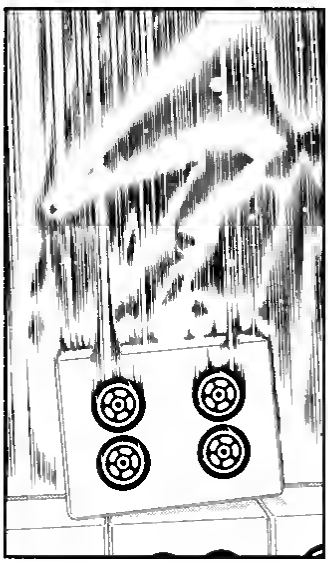
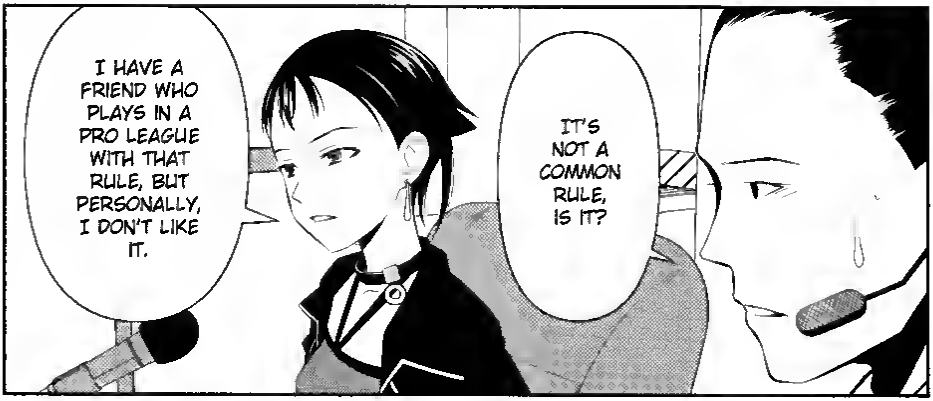
WHAT'S THAT?
UM... WELL...

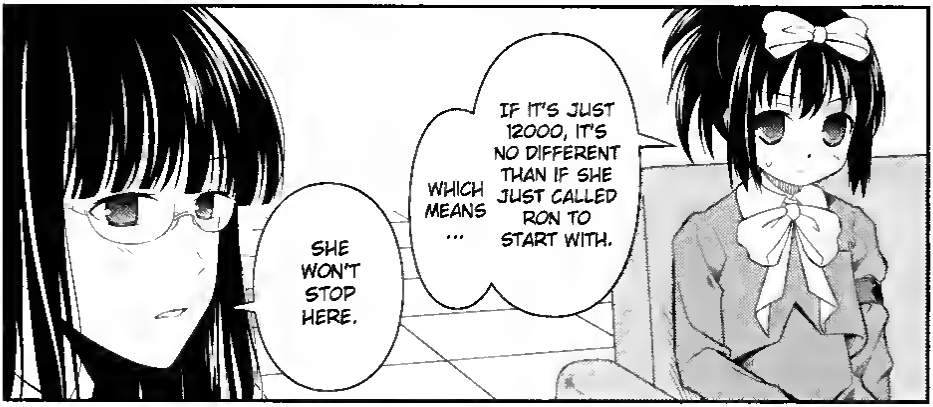
THE KAN LIABILITY PAYMENT !?


WHEN SOMEONE MAKES A KAN OFF OF SOMEONE ELSE'S DISCARD, AN OPEN KAN IS MADE.
THERE'S A RULE THAT IF AN OPEN KAN LEADS TO A RINSHAN KAIHOU, WHOEVER DROPPED THE TILE FOR THAT OPEN KAN IS LIABLE FOR MAKING THE ENTIRE PAYMENT TO THE WINNER.

RINSHAN KAIHOU!
UM... THEN THAT MEANS ...
AMAE ALONE PAYS 12000 POINTS.




I HAVE A FRIEND WHO PLAYS IN A PRO LEAGUE WITH THAT RULE, BUT PERSONALLY, I DON'T LIKE IT.
IT'S NOT A COMMON RULE, IS IT?


SHE WON'T STOP HERE.
WHICH MEANS ...
IF IT'S JUST 12000, IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN IF SHE JUST CALLED RON TO START WITH.

ANOTHER ONE!?
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AND ANOTHER KAN!
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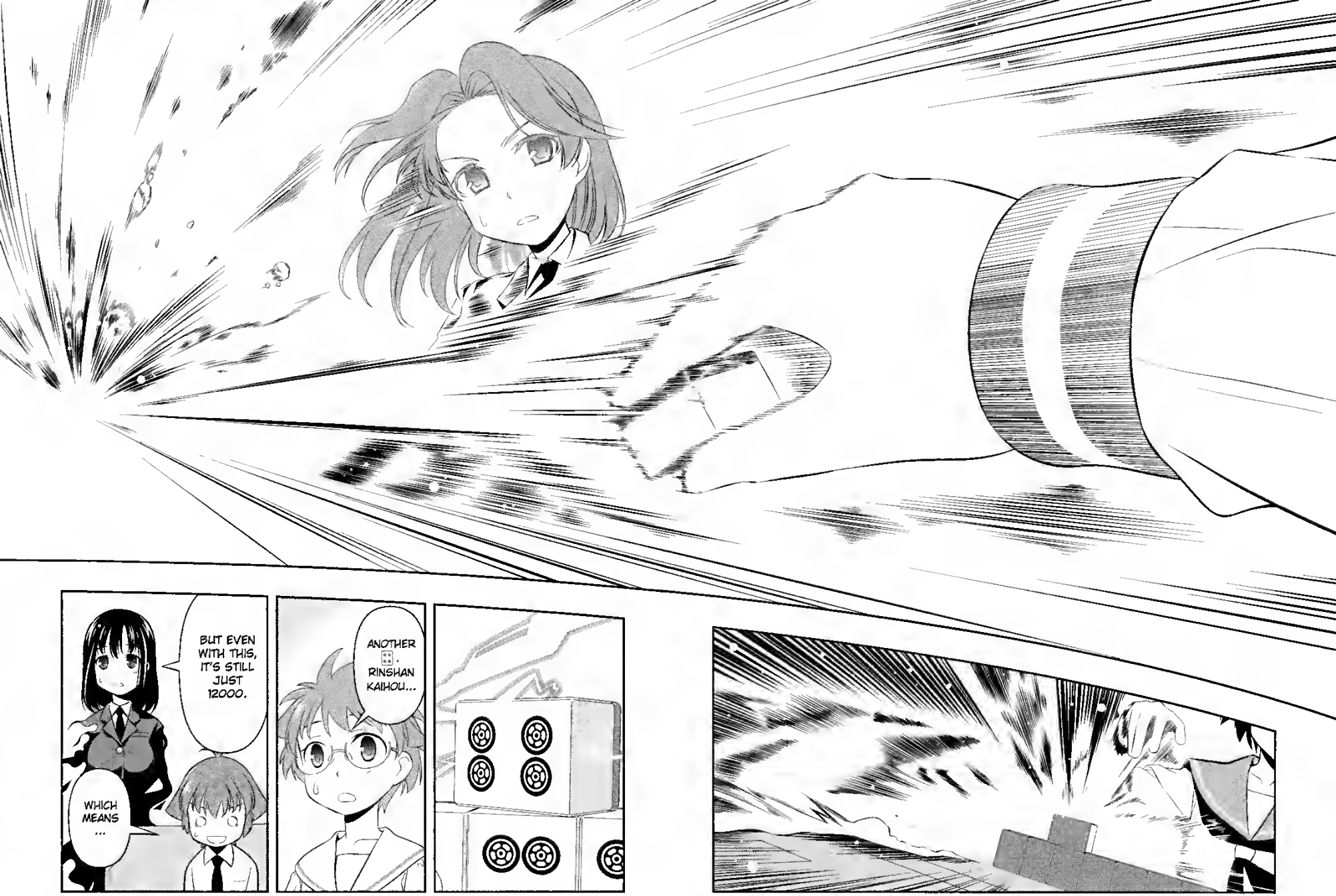
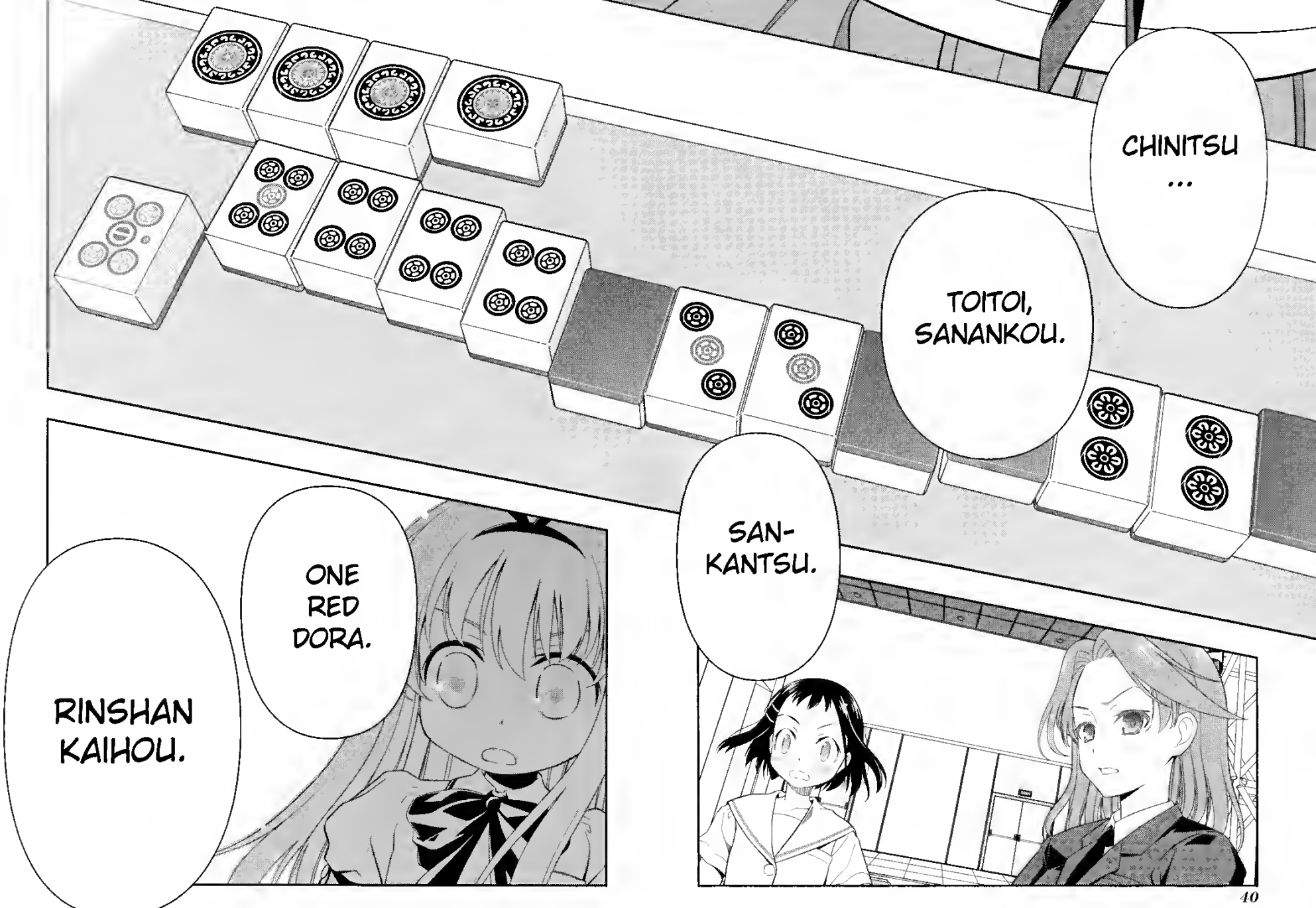
KOROMO JUST DID WHAT SHE WOULD NORMALLY HAVE DONE UP TO NOW.
BUT IF...
IF THE KOROMO OF NOW ENDS UP BEING DEFEATED LIKE THIS...


BUT EVEN WITH THIS, IT'S STILL JUST 12000.
WHICH MEANS ...
ANOTHER 🀄. RINSHAN KAIHOU...

ONE MORE KAN!

A NEW KOROMO WILL BE BORN.
MAYBE ...

TSUMO!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TOITOI,
SANANKOU.
SAN-
KANTSU.
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RINSHAN
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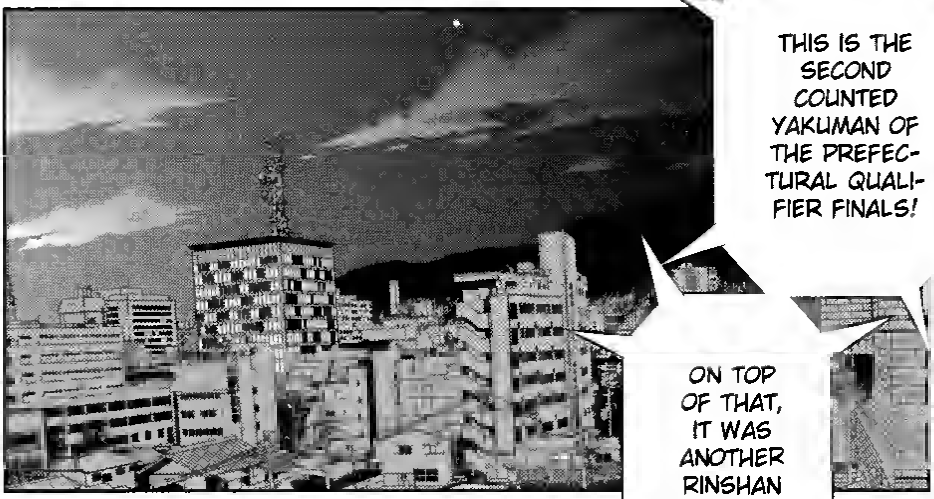
A COUNTED YAKUMAN!


THIS IS THE SECOND COUNTED YAKUMAN OF THE PREFECTURAL QUALIFIER FINALS!

ON TOP OF THAT, IT WAS ANOTHER RINSHAN KAIHOU!

WITH THIS, THE TEAM TOURNAMENT OF THE PREFECTURAL QUALIFIERS HAS COME TO AN END!!

AND THE WINNER IS...

FINAL
大将後半戦
Kiyosumi
+22800
137700
Ryuumonbuchi
+35000
136200
Tsuruga
-12300
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Kazekoshi
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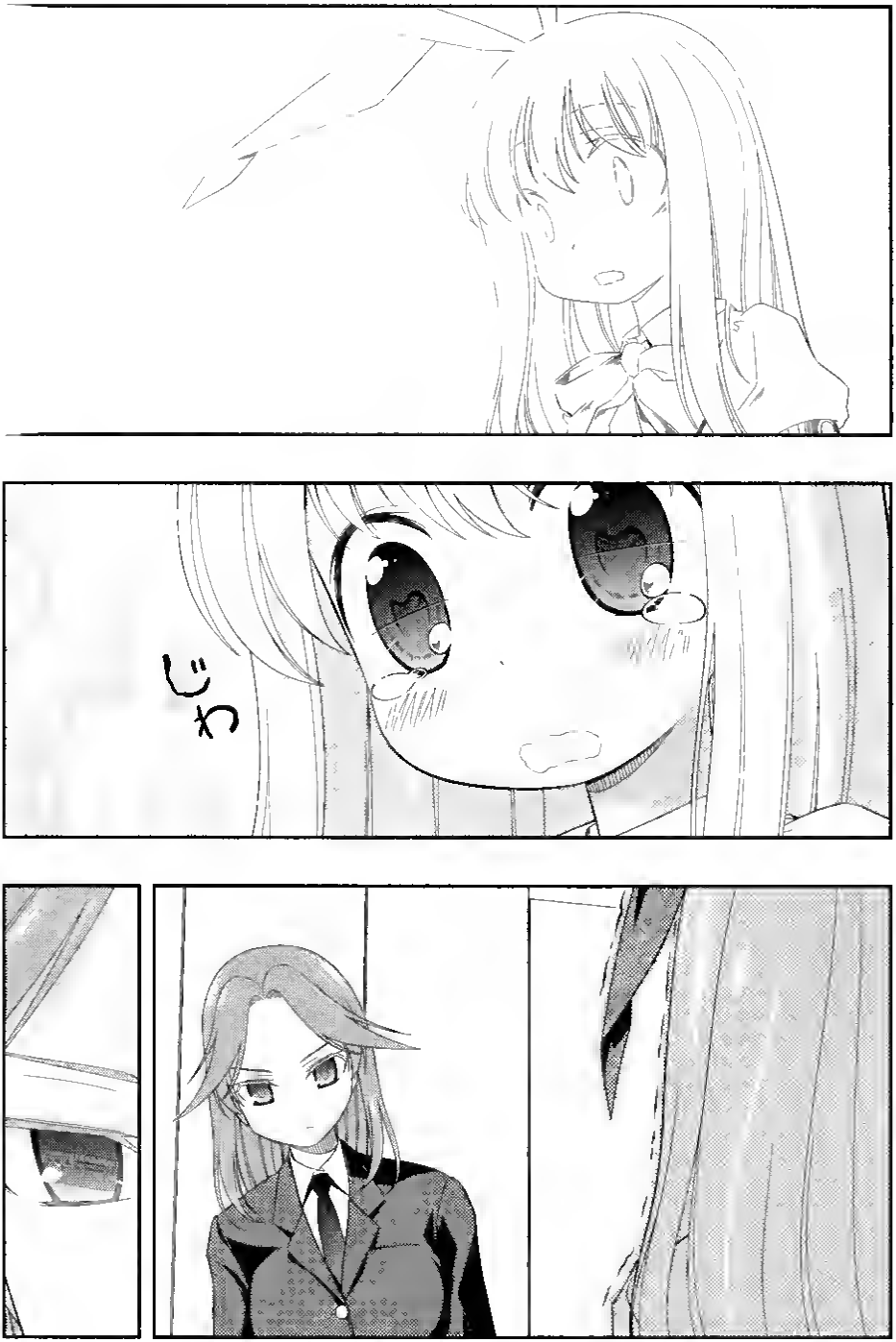
35800
WITH A COMEBACK VICTORY, KIYOSUMI HIGH SCHOOL!!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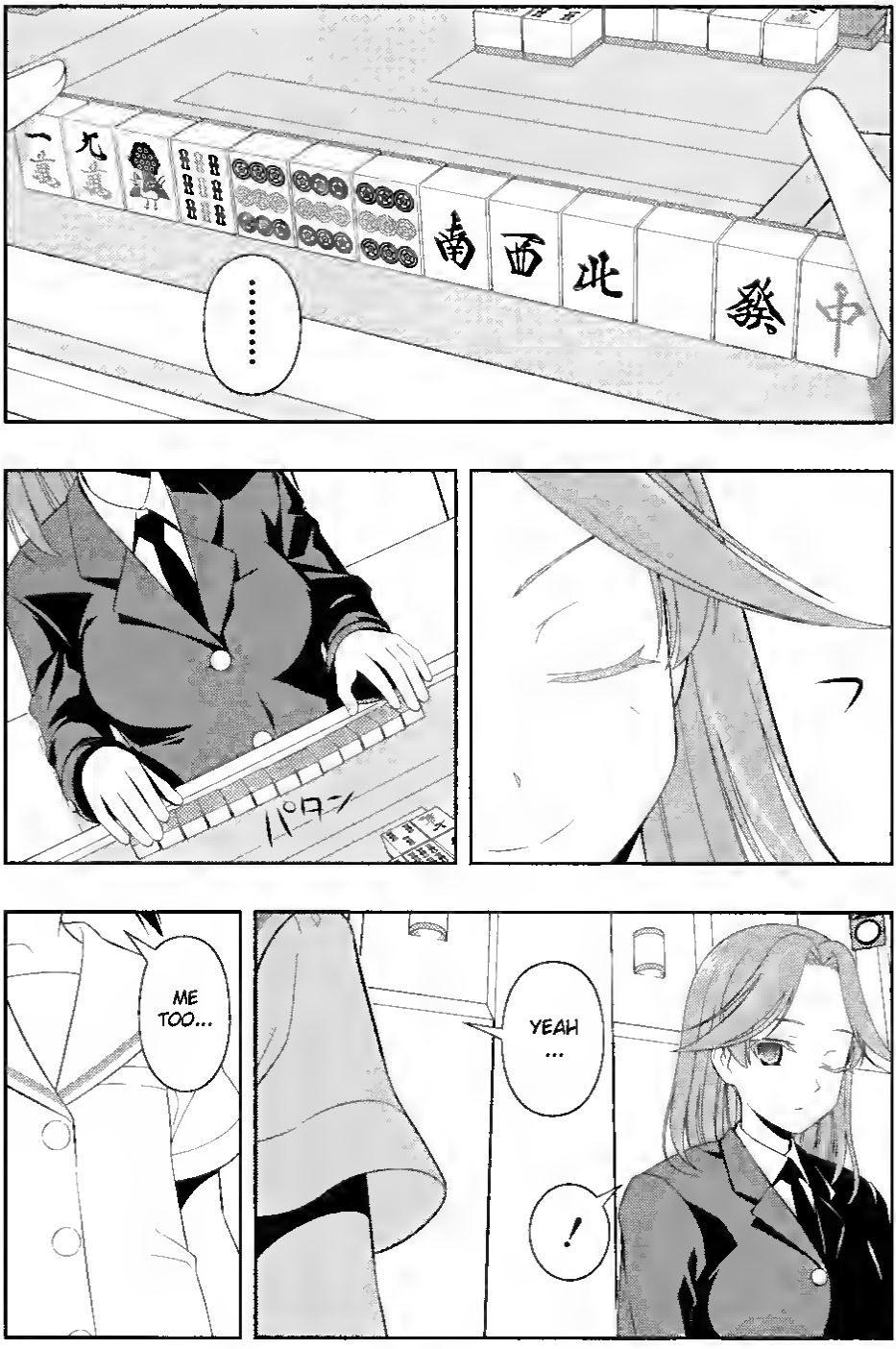
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ME TOO…
YEAH …
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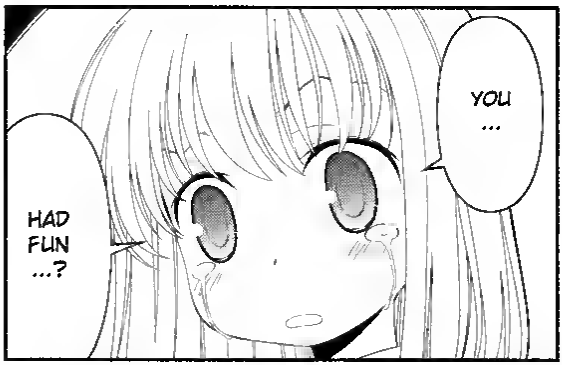
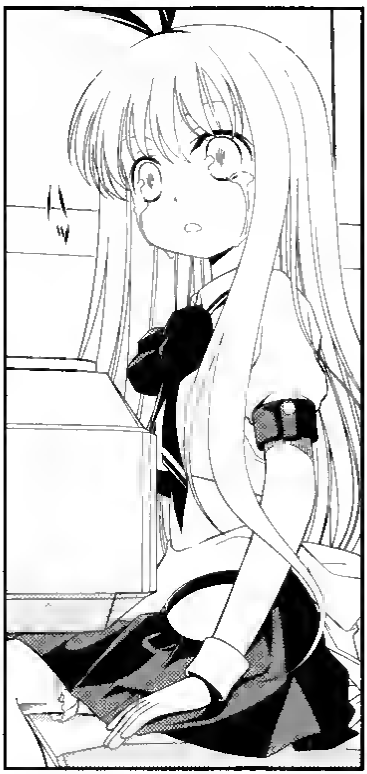
I HAD FUN TOO!!


YOU ...
HAD FUN ...?

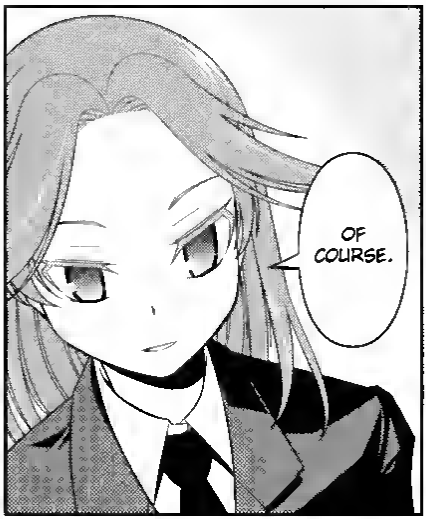


HM?
IS THAT SO WEIRD?

BY LOOKING FORWARD NO MATTER WHAT,
I ALWAYS HAVE FUN!

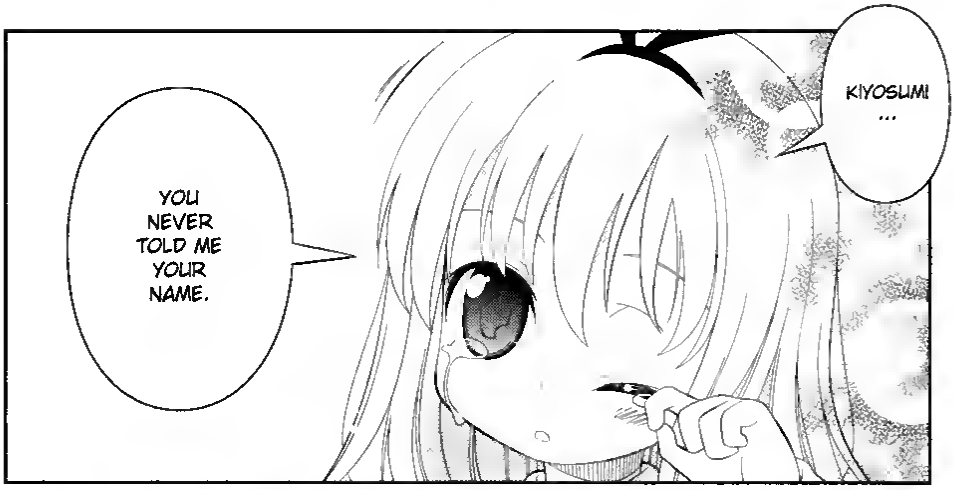
IT'S TRUE...
MAYBE I JUST DON'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE A SORE LOSER, BUT...
I HAD FUN TOO.
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE ...
I'D LIKE TO KEEP PLAYING HERE FOR MANY, MANY MORE ROUNDS.
I STILL WANT TO PLAY WITH THESE TILES SOME MORE.

EVEN THOUGH KOROMO SAID ALL THOSE AWFUL THINGS TO YOU...
YOU'RE STILL WILLING TO PLAY WITH ME AGAIN?

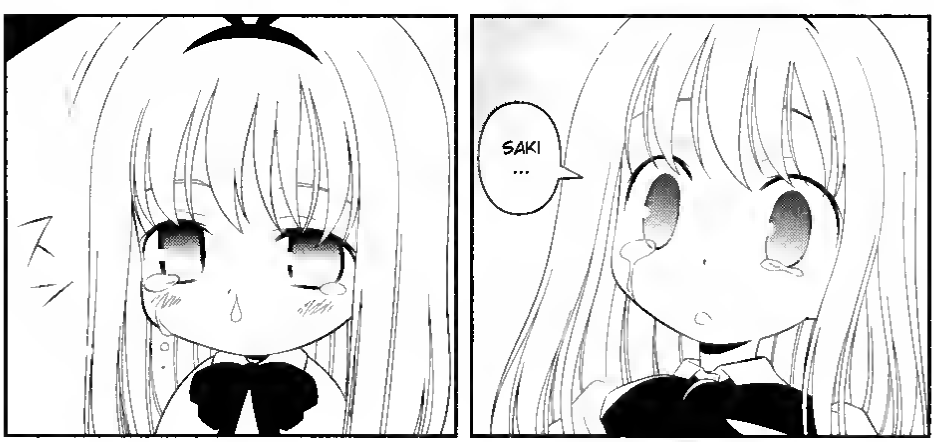

OF COURSE.

NEXT TIME, IT'LL BE MY TURN TO DO THE TRASH TALKIN'!

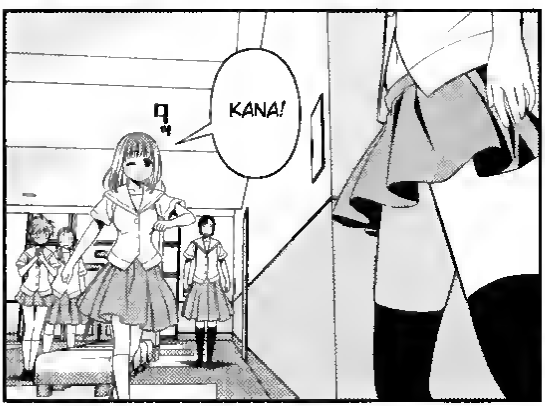
THANKS FOR THE GAME!
LET'S PLAY AGAIN SOMETIME
HM?
YEAH.


KIYOSUMI ...
YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOUR NAME.

I'M SAKI...
MIYANAGA SAKI!


SAKI ...

I HAD FUN.
YEAH.


KANA!

関係者以外
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DO NOT ENTER
AUTHORIZED PERSONS ONLY

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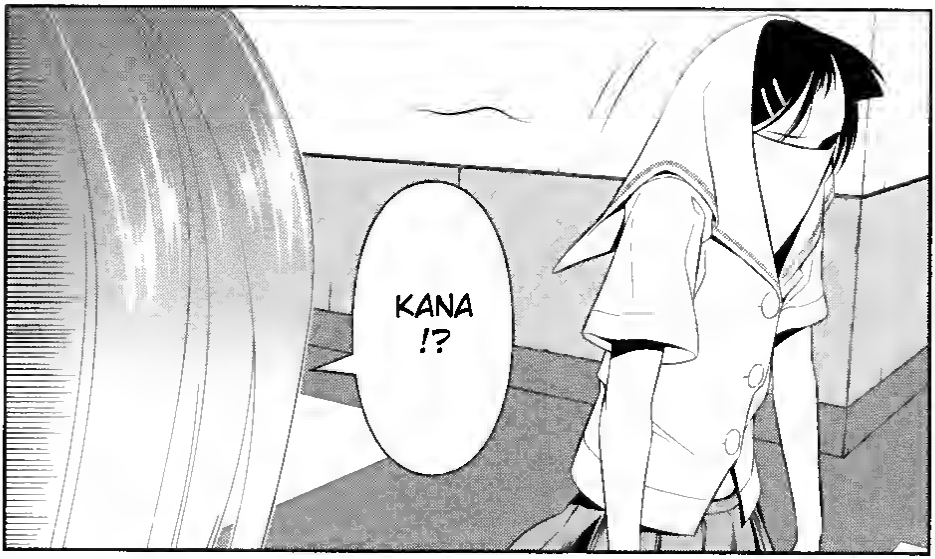
KANA
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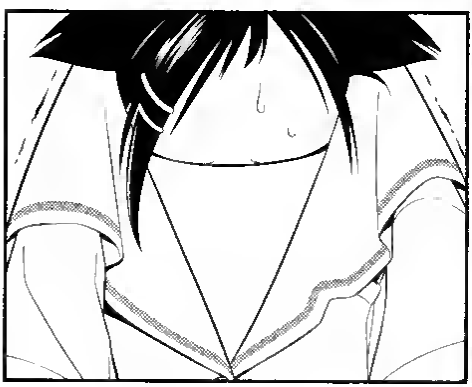

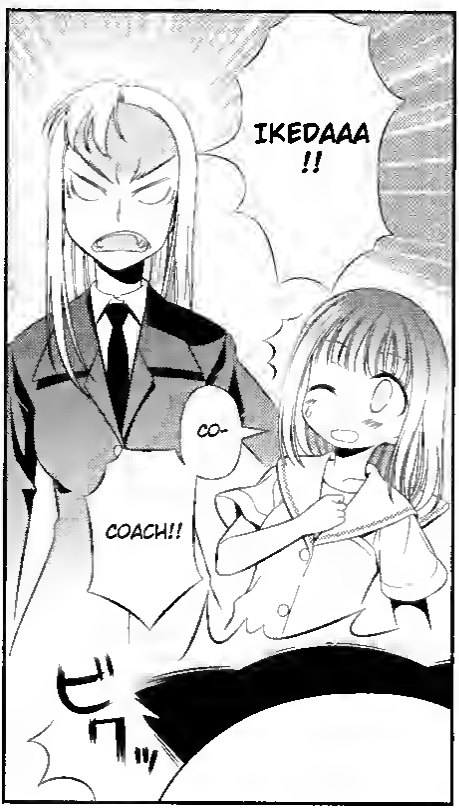
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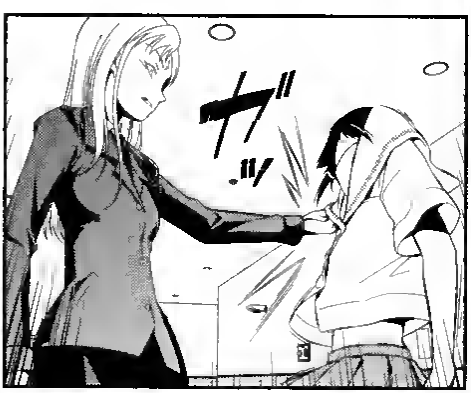
COACH!!



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COACH !!
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Round 54: Aftermath
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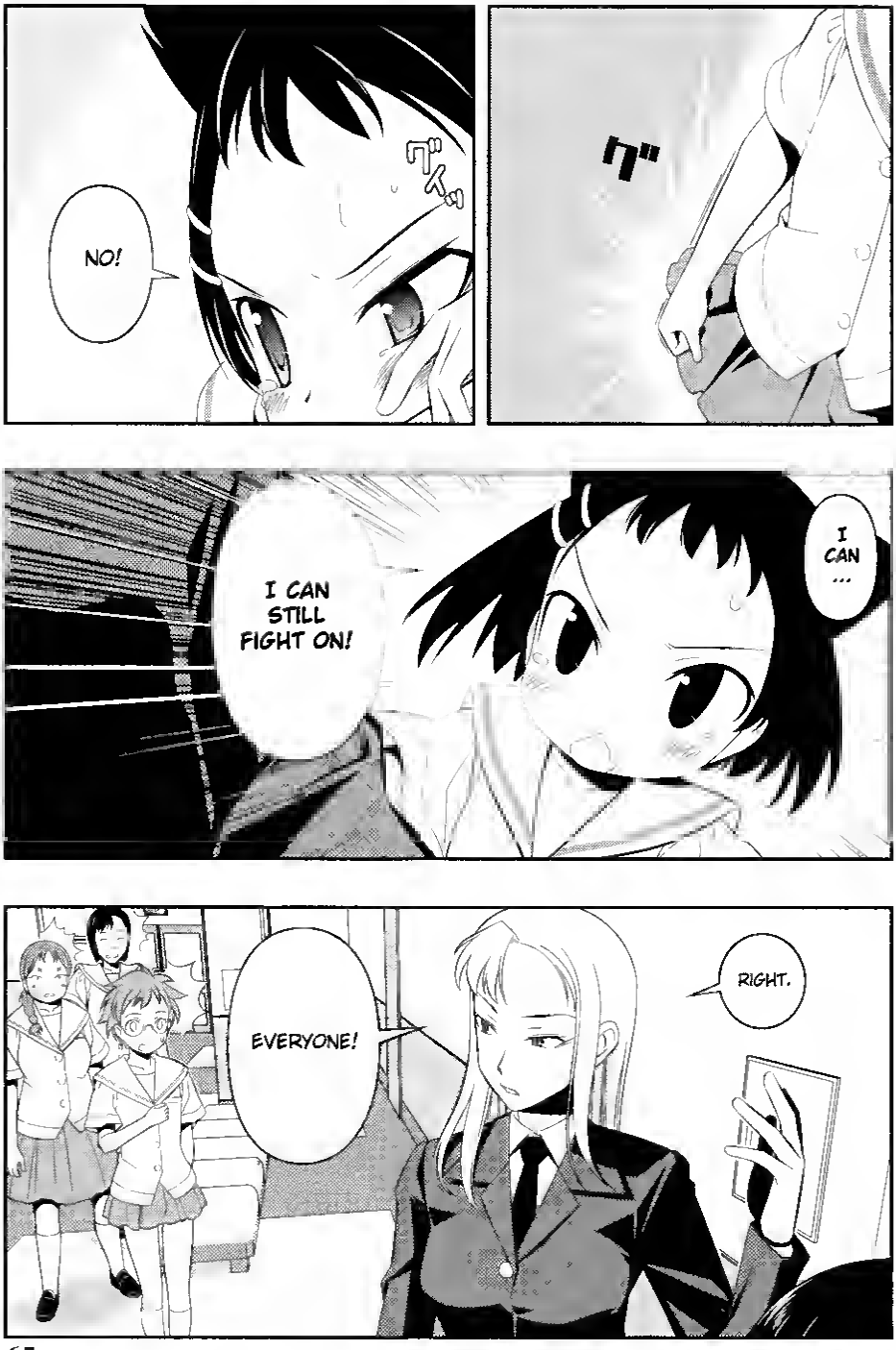
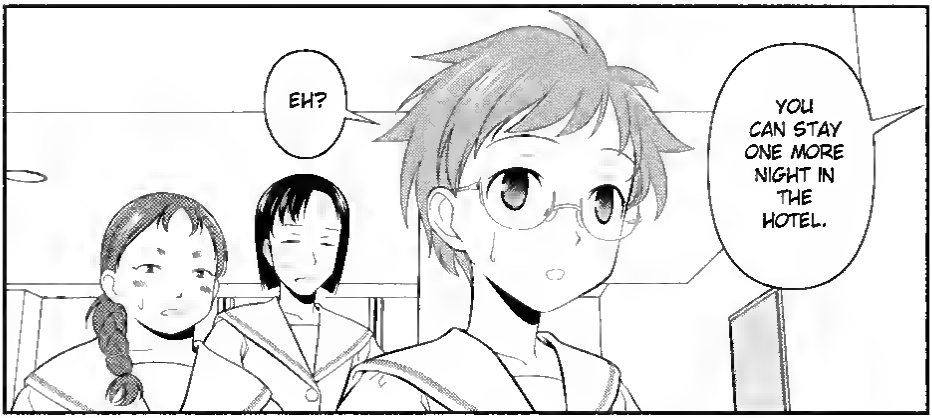
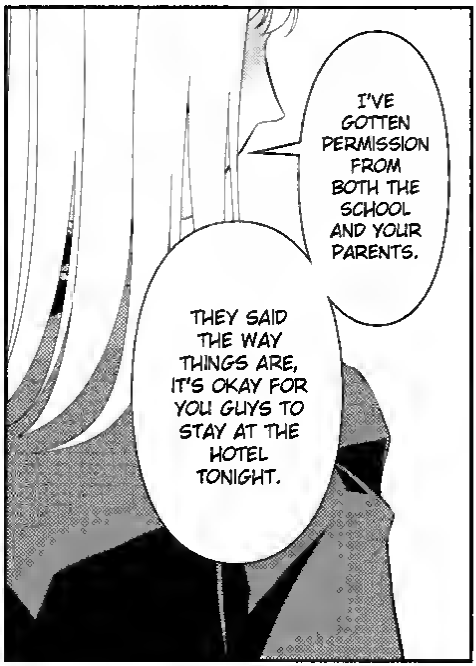
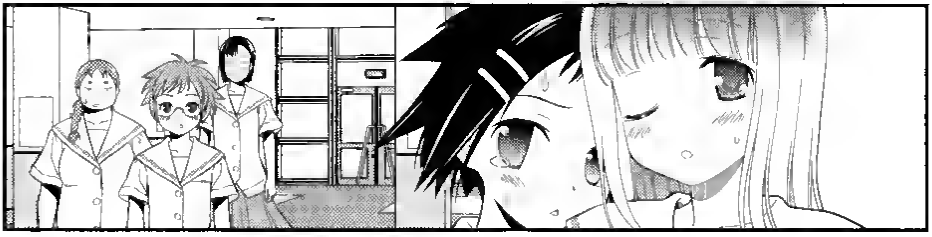
YOU SHOULD BE WALKING WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH!
TRYING TO HIDE YOUR FACE?
HOW DIS-GRACEFUL.
IF YOU'RE THAT ASHAMED ABOUT HOW YOU PLAYED ...
THEN YOU SHOULD JUST QUIT THE CLUB!


NO!
I CAN ...
I CAN STILL FIGHT ON!
RIGHT.
EVERYONE!

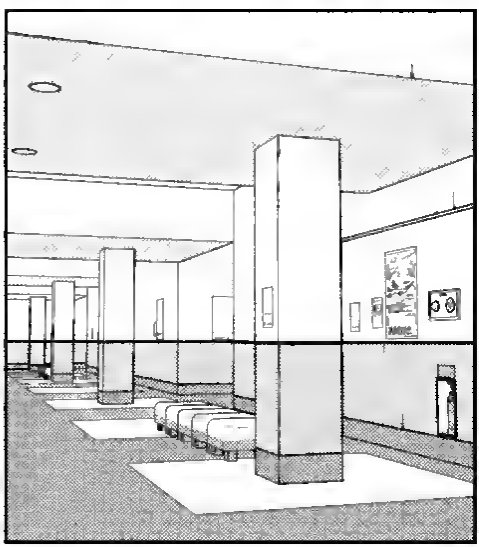

EH?
YOU CAN STAY ONE MORE NIGHT IN THE HOTEL.

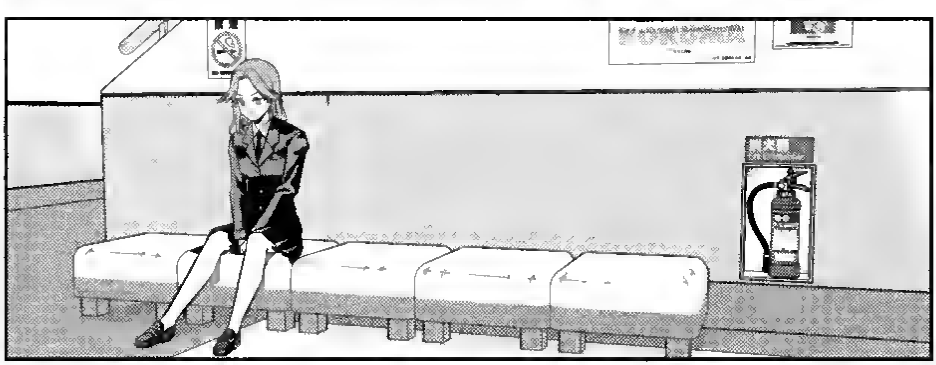
TAKE IT EASY AND REST.


I'VE GOTTEN PERMISSION FROM BOTH THE SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENTS.
THEY SAID THE WAY THINGS ARE, IT'S OKAY FOR YOU GUYS TO STAY AT THE HOTEL TONIGHT.

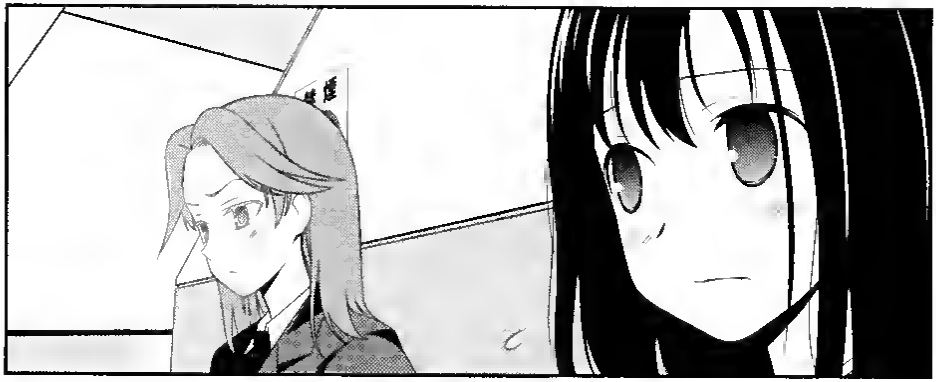


THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

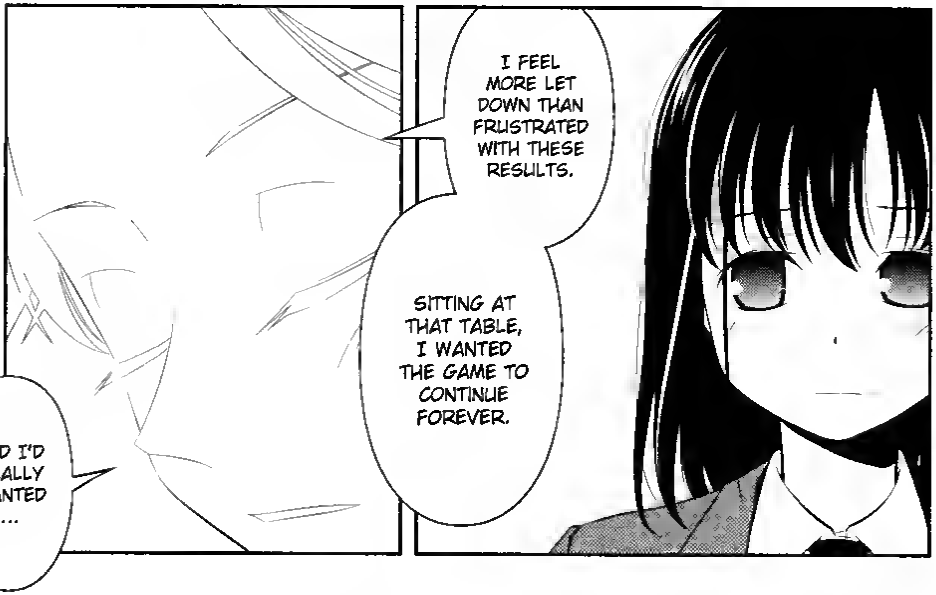




SENPAI ...
MOMO ...
GOOD JOB OUT THERE.



EVEN THOUGH I ONCE FELT THAT JUST COMING THIS FAR WOULD BE ENOUGH...


I FEEL MORE LET DOWN THAN FRUSTRATED WITH THESE RESULTS.
SITTING AT THAT TABLE, I WANTED THE GAME TO CONTINUE FOREVER.
AND I'D REALLY WANTED ...

TO GO TO THE NATIONALS WITH EVERYBODY.
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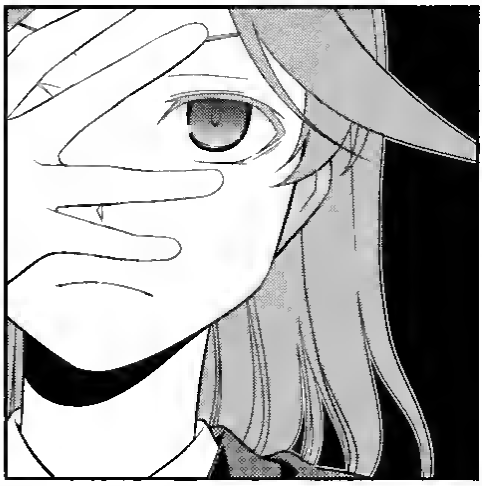
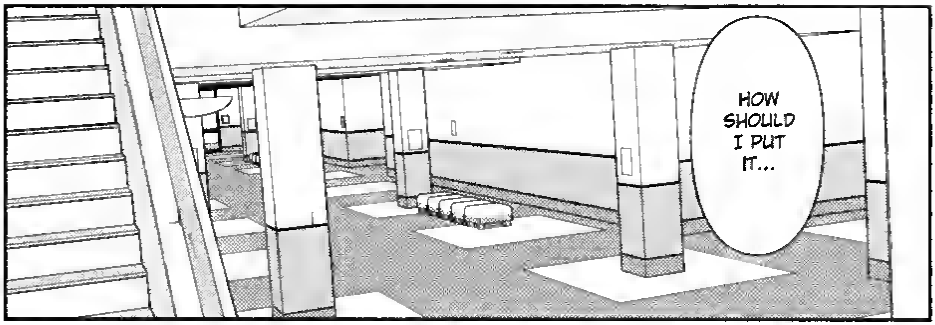
NO SMOKING

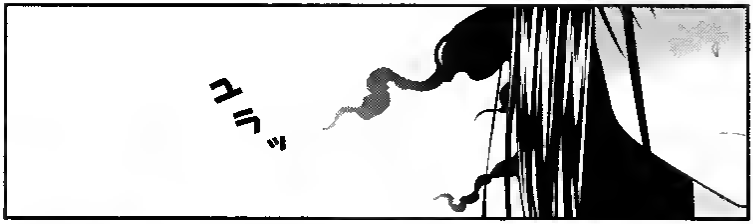


SENPAI ...

Round 55: Sporadic Thoughts


HOW SHOULD I PUT IT...

I JUST WANT TO GO OFF SOME-WHERE AND DISAPPEAR.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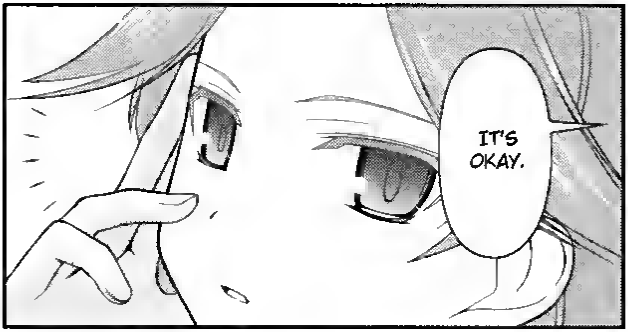
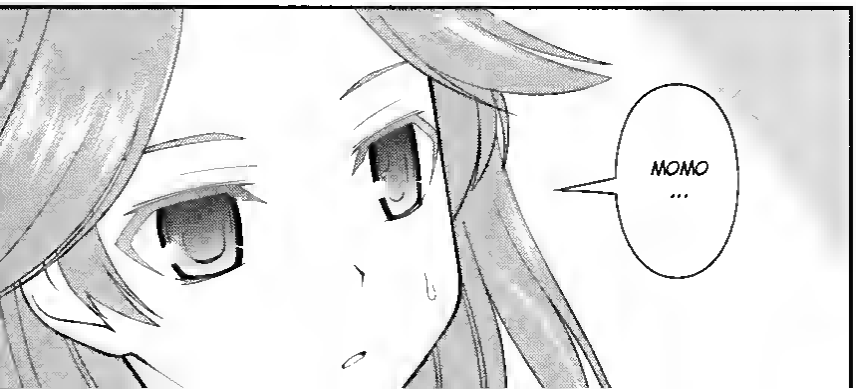

IT'S OKAY.

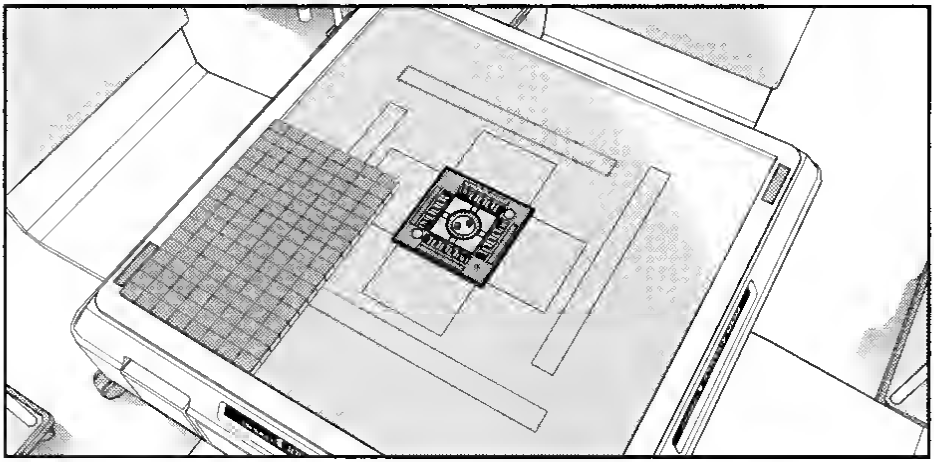
EVEN IF YOU DISAPPEAR, IT'S OKAY.

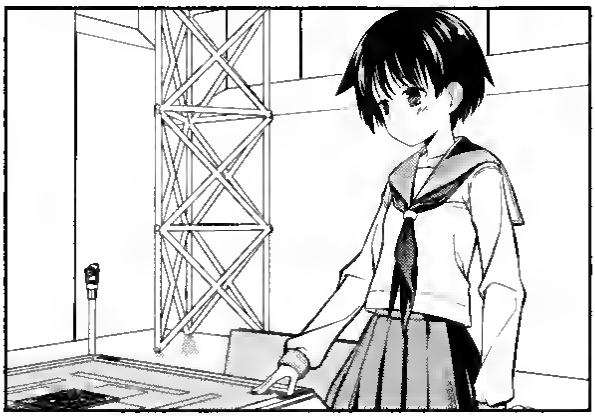

MOMO ...

BECAUSE I'LL SEARCH FOR YOU...
AND CALL OUT FOR YOU AS LOUD AS I CAN, SENPAI!

I'LL PARADE ALL AROUND THE WORLD YELLING AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS!!

IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, I WOULD HAVE TO DO WHATEVER IT TOOK TO GET YOU TO STOP.





EVERY-
ONE!

HARA-
MURA-
SAN!
MIYA-
NAGA-
SAN...

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AH...

SORRY...
EXCUSE ME!
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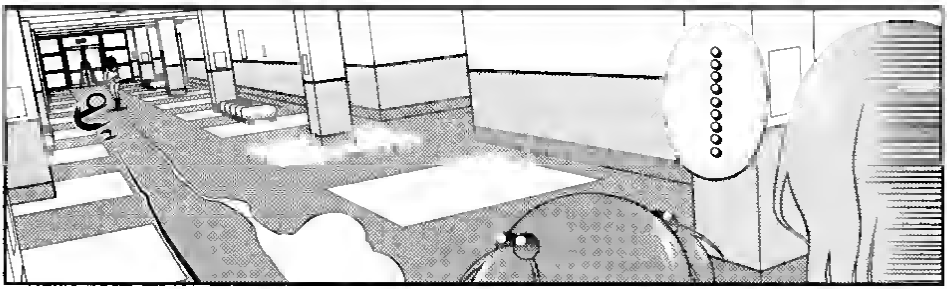
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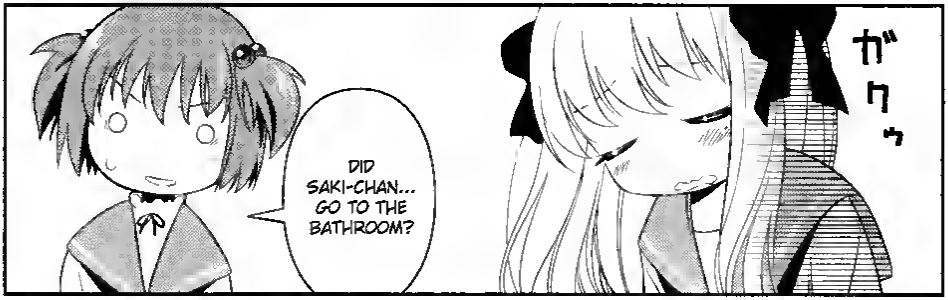
DID SAKI-CHAN... GO TO THE BATHROOM?
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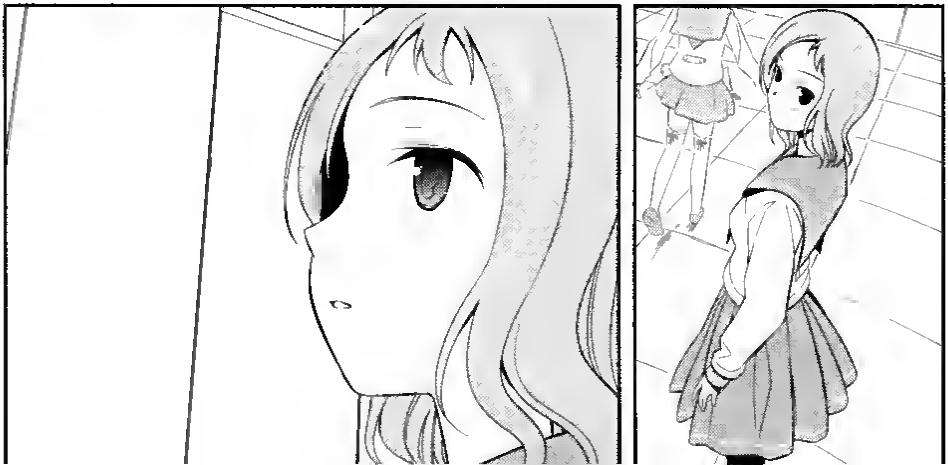

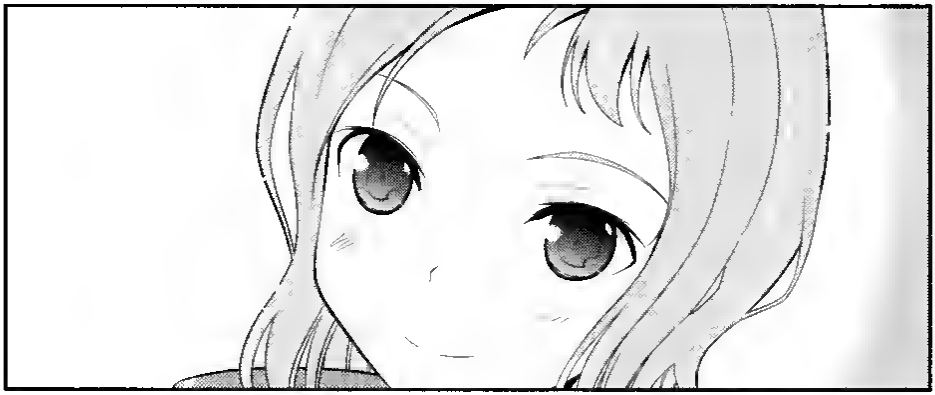

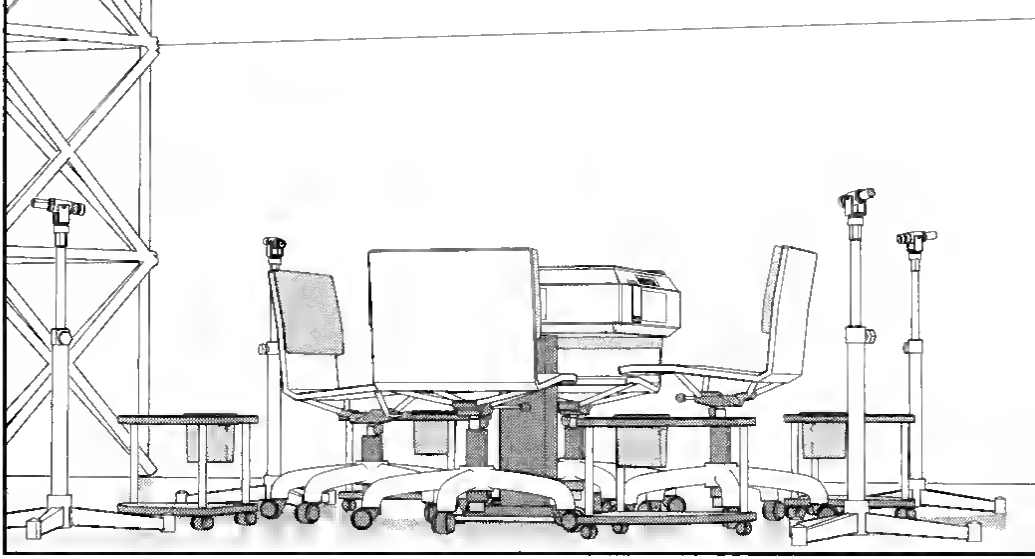

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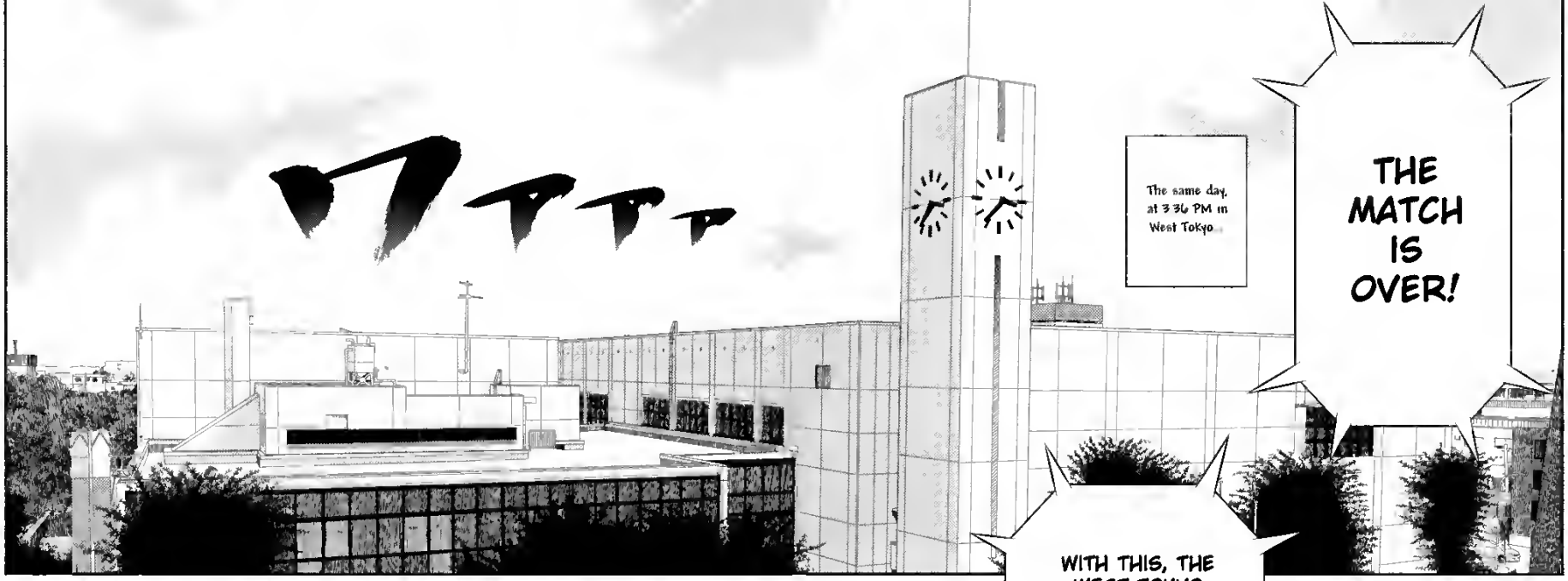
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THE MATCH IS OVER!
WITH THIS, THE WEST TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE AT THE INTER-HIGH NATIONALS WILL, FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, BE...
SHIRAI-TODAI HIGH SCHOOL!

Shiraitodai High School
First Year
Oohoshi Awai

Shiraitodai High School
Second Year
Shibuya Takami

Shiraitodai High School
Second Year
Matano Seiko
DESPITE THIS BEING A PREFECTURE KNOWN FOR PRODUCING SECOND-RATE PLAYERS, THE "TIGER PRINCESS TEAM" OF SHIRAITODAI IS A SHINING EXCEPTION!

Shiraitodai High School
Third Year
Hirose Sumire

AND THEY'RE LED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO STANDS ABOVE ALL OTHERS!
THE GIRL WHO YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT THE INTER-HIGH NATIONALS WITHOUT MENTIONING ...
THE INTER-HIGH NATIONAL CHAMPION ...

MIYA-
NAGA
TERU!
SHE'S WELL
ON HER
WAY TO
BECOMING
THE FIRST
EVER
THREE-TIME
NATIONAL
CHAMPION!
Shiranodai High School
Third Year
Miyanaga Teru

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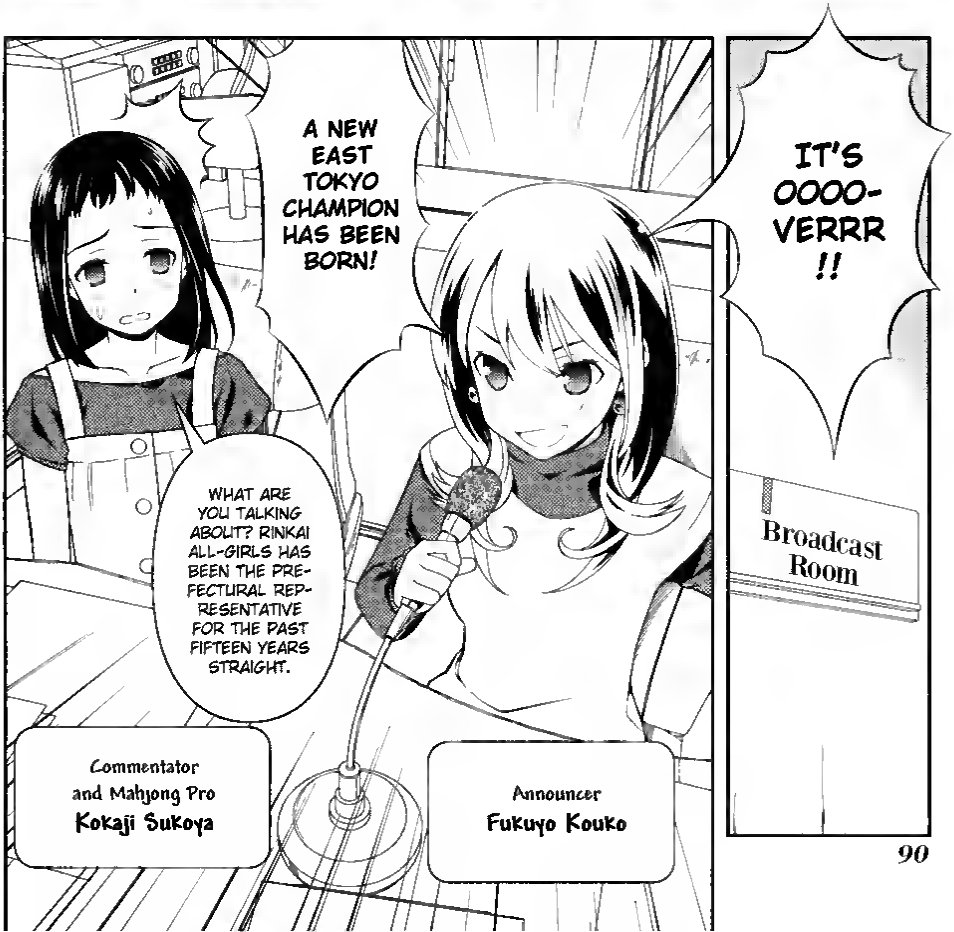
A NEW EAST TOKYO CHAMPION HAS BEEN BORN!
IT'S OOOO-VERRR !!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? RINKAI ALL-GIRLS HAS BEEN THE PREFECTURAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS STRAIGHT.
Broadcast Room
Commentator and Mahjong Pro Kokaji Sukoya
Announcer Fukuyo Kouko

AS EXPECTED OF PRO KOKAJI! YOU KNOW SO MUCH TRIVIA!
IN THAT CASE, THIS MAKES IT THE SIXTEENTH STRAIGHT YEAR THEY'VE BEEN THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR EAST TOKYO!
ARE YOU A REAL ANNOUNCER!?
I even told you about it earlier!

THAT'S RIGHT... WELL, BECAUSE OF A NEW RULE STARTING THIS YEAR, THEY HAD TO MAKE A JAPANESE STUDENT THEIR VANGUARD.
UP UNTIL LAST YEAR THE RINKAI TEAM WAS NOTHING BUT FOREIGNERS, THOUGH.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE ENTIRE TEAM IS MADE UP OF FOREIGNERS!
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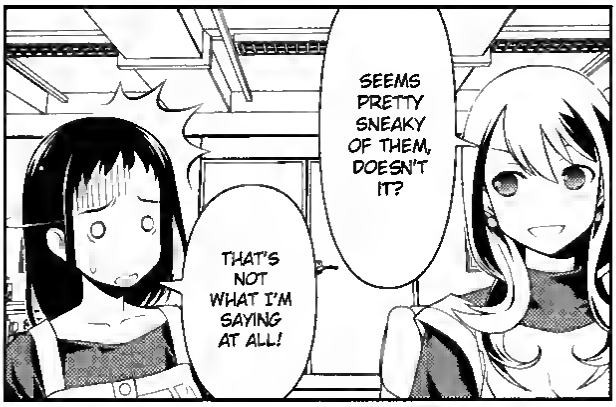
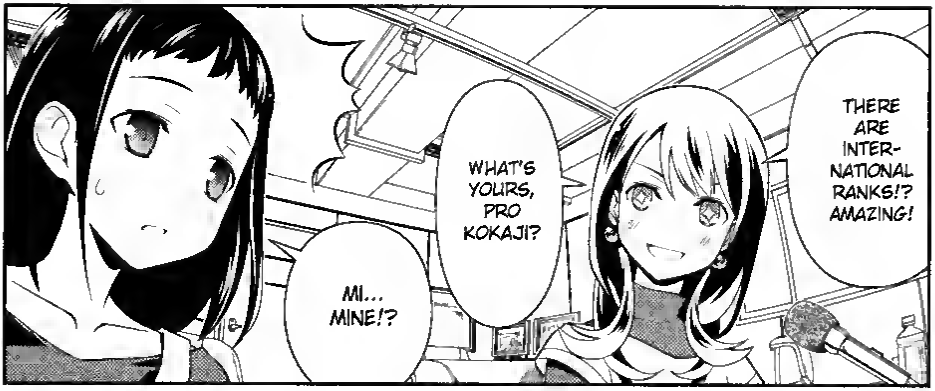
BUT ...
THIS TEAM IS REALLY STRONG ...

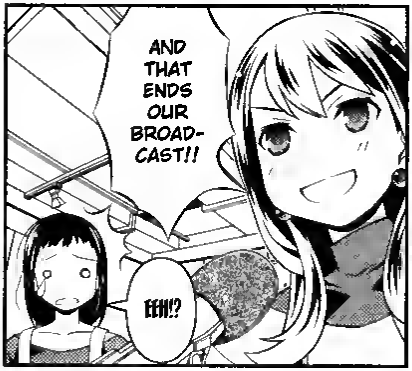

SEEMS PRETTY SNEAKY OF THEM, DOESN'T IT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING AT ALL!

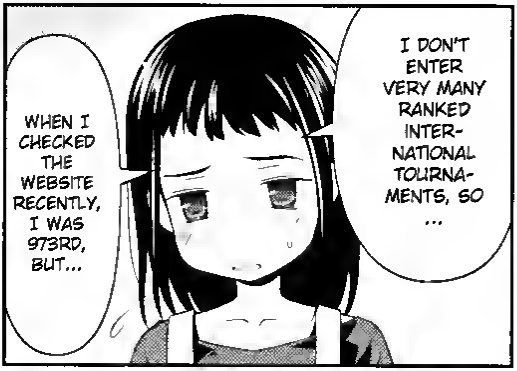
THEIR SOLE JAPANESE PLAYER AND THE THIRD-PLACE FINISHER IN LAST YEAR'S INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT, TSUJIGAITO.
Rinkai All-Girls
Third Year
Tsujigaito Satoha

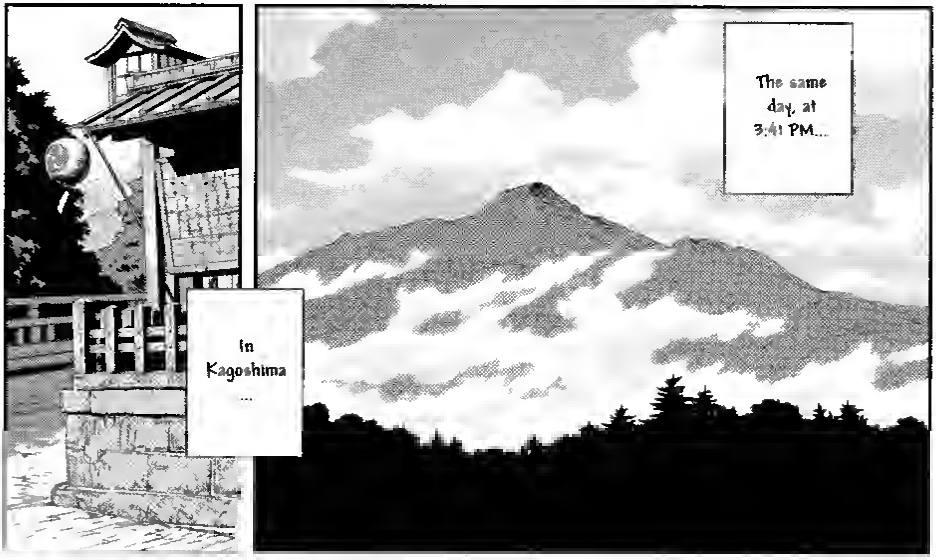
RETURNING FROM LAST YEAR TO PLAY IN THE TEAM TOURNAMENT ONCE AGAIN, AMERICA'S DAVIN...
THE OTHER THREE ARE NEW SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS GATHERED FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD.
FROM HONG KONG, HAO WAS THE SILVER MEDALIST AT THE ASIAN TOURNAMENT IN INCHEON.
Rinkai All-Girls
First Year
Hao Hui Yuu
Rinkai All-Girls
Third Year
Megan Davin

Rinkai All-Girls
Second Year
Choi Myenghoa
HAILING FROM FRANCE, SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT CHOI MYENGHOA BECAME KNOWN AS "VENTER," MEANING "WIND GODDESS," AT THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. HER INTERNATIONAL RANK IS...
GEORGIA'S VIRSALADZE WAS A MAJOR CONTENDER IN THE WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.
Rinkai All-Girls
First Year
Nelly Virsaladze


THERE ARE INTER-NATIONAL RANKS!? AMAZING!
WHAT'S YOURS, PRO KOKAJI?
MI... MINE!?


AND THAT ENDS OUR BROAD-CAST!!
EEH!?


I DON'T ENTER VERY MANY RANKED INTER-NATIONAL TOURNA-MENTS, SO ...
WHEN I CHECKED THE WEBSITE RECENTLY, I WAS 973RD, BUT...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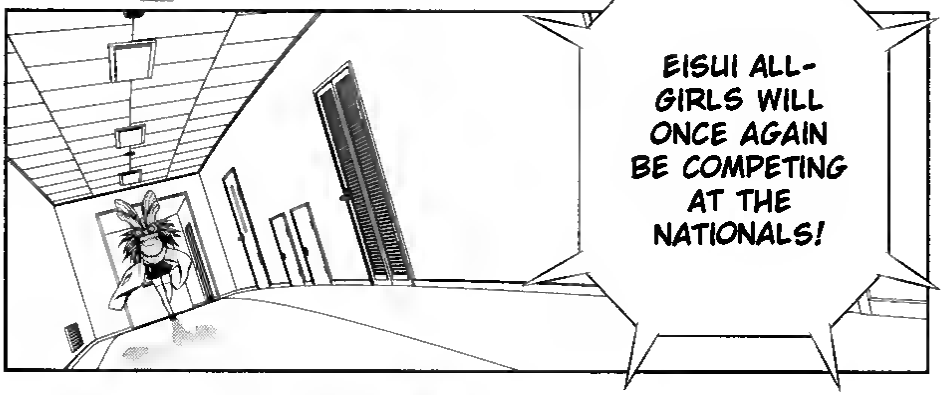
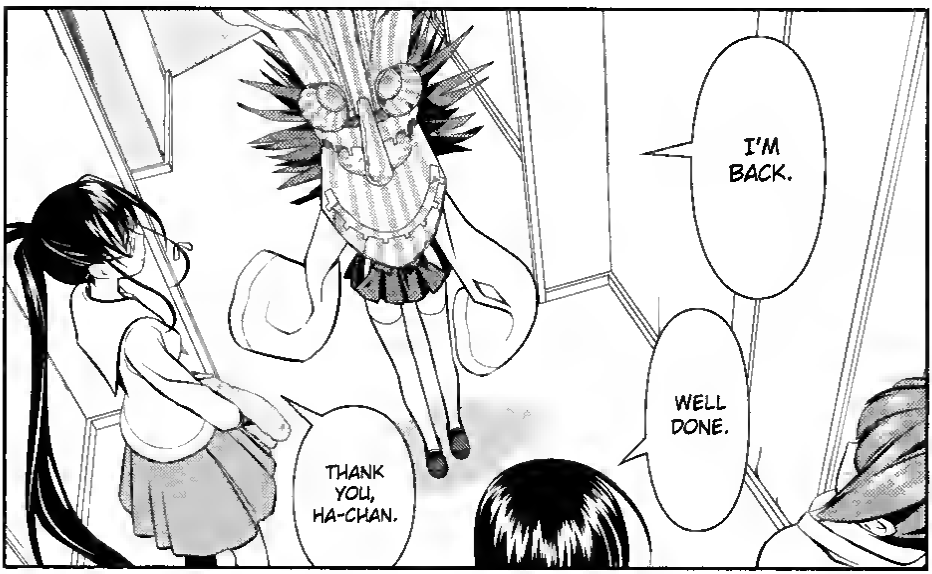
In Kagoshima ...

A... A GAME-ENDING DIRECT HIT WITH A YAKUMAN!
THE PREFECTURAL QUALIFIERS END BEFORE WE EVEN REACH THE CAPTAIN'S BATTLE!
JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, THE PREFECTURAL REPRESENTATIVE IS ONCE AGAIN EISUI ALL-GIRLS!
Eisui All-Girls
Third Year
Usuzumi Hatsumi

AH ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT, PRO OONUMA?
USUZUMI SEEMS TO ALMOST ALWAYS WIN WHEN SHE'S SITTING NORTH.
NORTH-WEST... THE UNLUCKY DIRECTION ...
NORTH'S OPEN MELDS ARE STORED BETWEEN THE NORTH AND EAST SEATS
WELL, USUZUMI HAS WON WITH SOUTH AND WEST IN HER HAND!!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? UM...
THE TILES IN HER HAND FORM SOUTHWEST, ANOTHER CURSED DIRECTION.





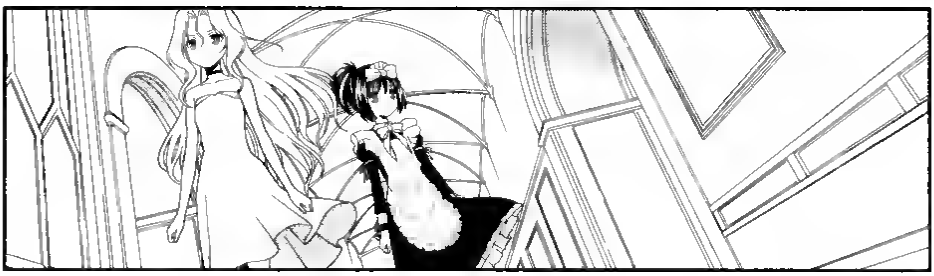
Eisui All-Girls
Third Year
Karyuku Tomoe

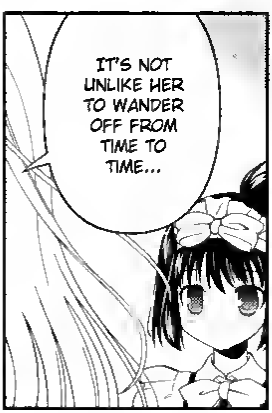
FOR SOME REASON ...
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER I'M HAPPY OR SAD ABOUT HAVING MY TURN SKIPPED.
.....
Eisui All-Girls Third Year Iwato Kasumi
Eisui All-Girls First Year Takimi Haru

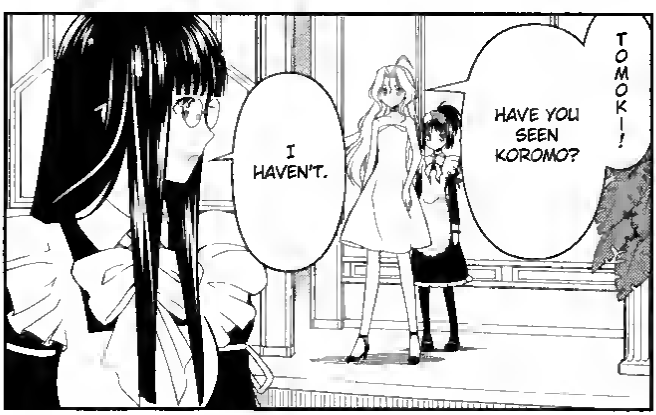
IT ISN'T BETTER TO FINISH FASTER?
DON'T YOU SEE?

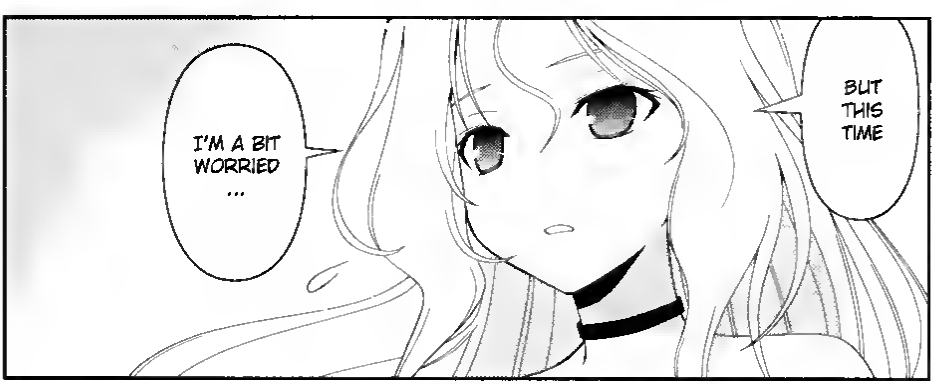
ALL THE BRANCH FAMILIES HAVE COME TOGETHER ...
JUST FOR THAT REASON.

Eisui All-Girls
Second Year
Jindai Komaki
SO THAT OUR PRINCESS DOESN'T HAVE TO CARRY THE TEAM ALL BY HERSELF LIKE LAST YEAR.
LET'S WIN THE NATIONALS EASILY JUST LIKE WE WON TODAY!




IT'S NOT UNLIKE HER TO WANDER OFF FROM TIME TO TIME...


TOMOKI!
HAVE YOU SEEN KOROMO?
I HAVEN'T.


BUT THIS TIME
I'M A BIT WORRIED ...

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YET ANOTHER PLACE LIKE THAT
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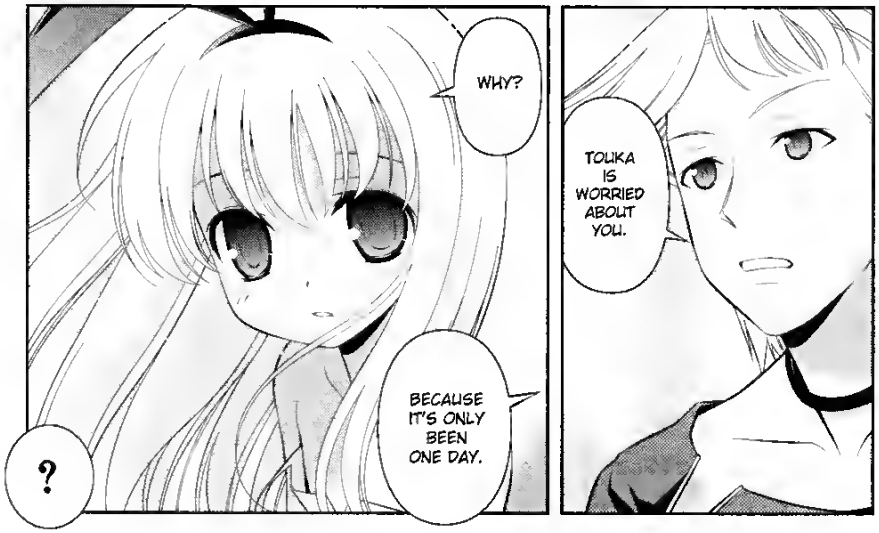
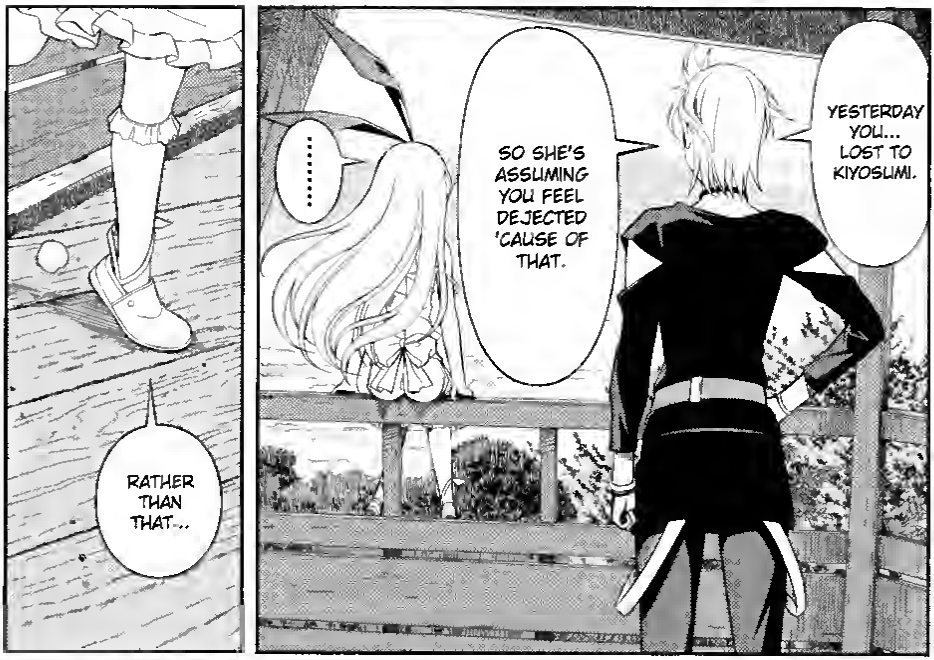
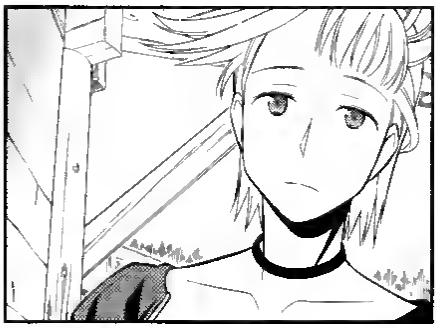
Round 57: Four Schools


WHY?
TOUKA IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
BECAUSE IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE DAY.
?

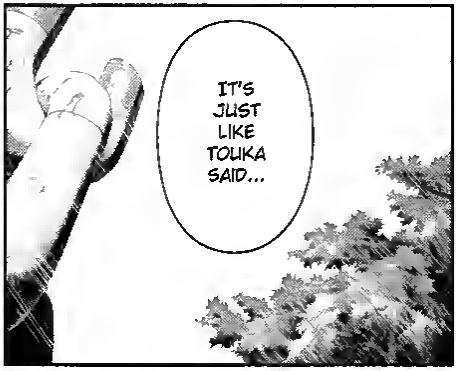
KOROMO.

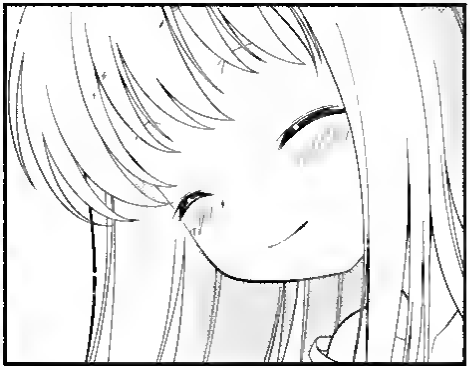

YESTERDAY YOU... LOST TO KIYOSUMI.
SO SHE'S ASSUMING YOU FEEL DEJECTED 'CAUSE OF THAT.
.....
RATHER THAN THAT...

KOROMO FEELS AT PEACE.



KOROMO WANTED TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT SHE IS ALONE.





MAYBE KOROMO ...
IS ABLE TO MAKE FRIENDS AFTER ALL.
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HEY!
HYA !?
ビクッ
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OR IS IT...
ARE YOU NOT JUST FRIENDS TOUKA GATHERED FOR KOROMO'S SAKE?
YOU SAYIN' WE AREN'T YOUR FRIENDS TOO?
IT'S TRUE THAT OUR FRIENDSHIP BEGAN LIKE THAT FOR YOU AND EVERYONE ...
BUT NOW, IT JUST FEELS LIKE WE'RE FAMILY.
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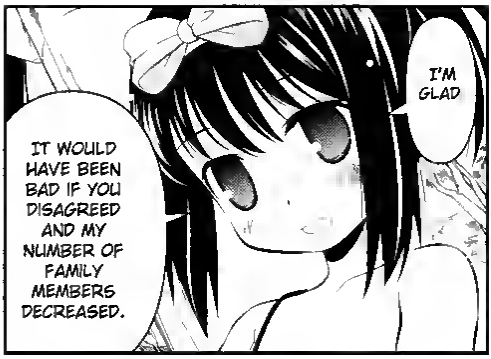
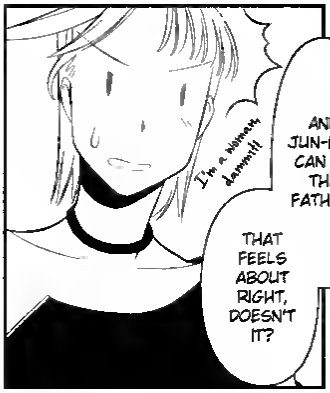
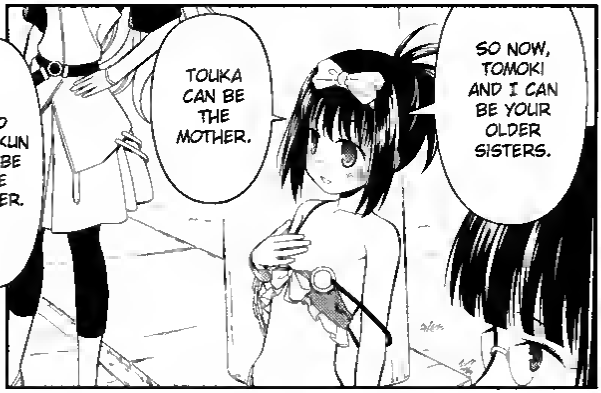
HOW IT STARTED IS IRRELEVANT.
Iwata Hiroshi Kuro
!!
IS THAT SO BAD?

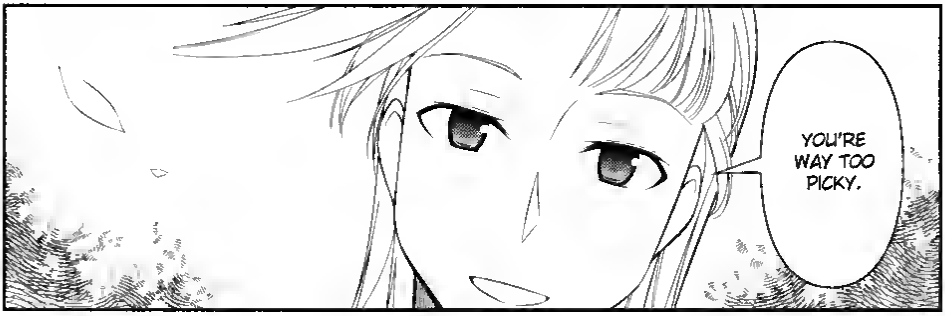






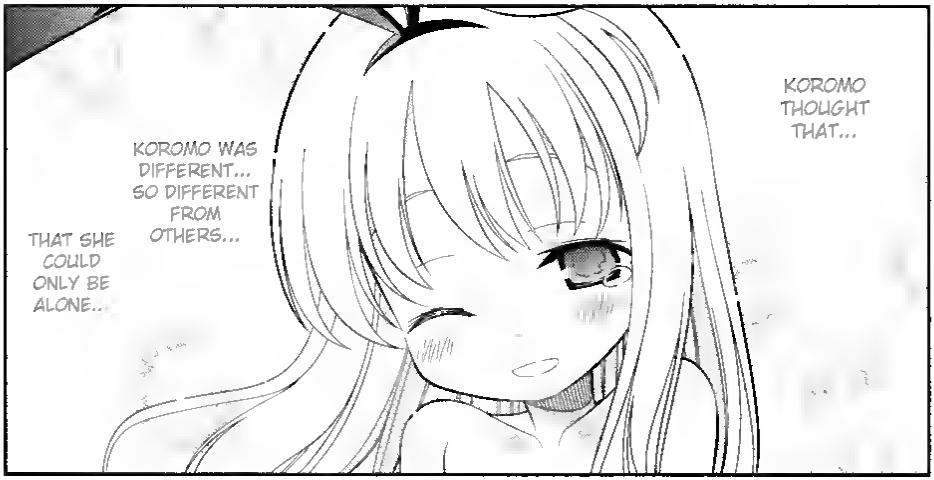
SO... YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPOIL ME SO MUCH.

!?
MORON.

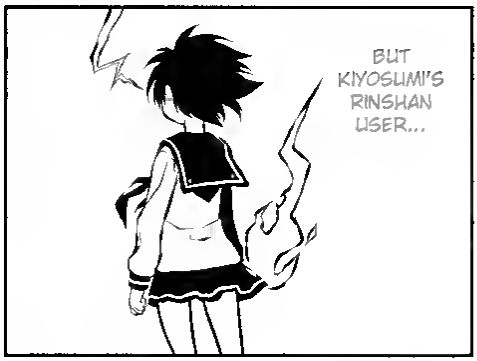

YOU'RE WAY TOO PICKY.

JUST LOOSEN UP A BIT.

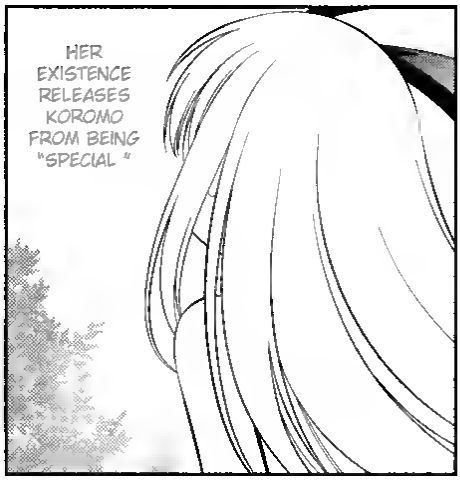
WHEN TOUKA SAID SHE WOULD FIND FRIENDS FOR ME...
I ASSUMED THEN THAT SHE WASN'T MY FRIEND.
OF COURSE!
BUT TOUKA IS BOTH MY FRIEND AND MY FAMILY!

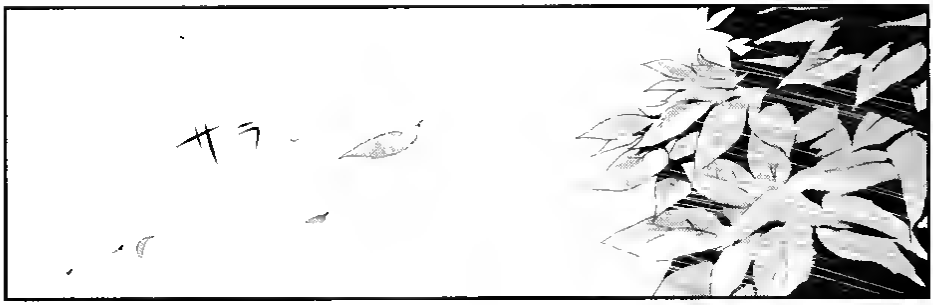

KOROMO THOUGHT THAT...
KOROMO WAS DIFFERENT... SO DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS...
THAT SHE COULD ONLY BE ALONE...

SAKI ...

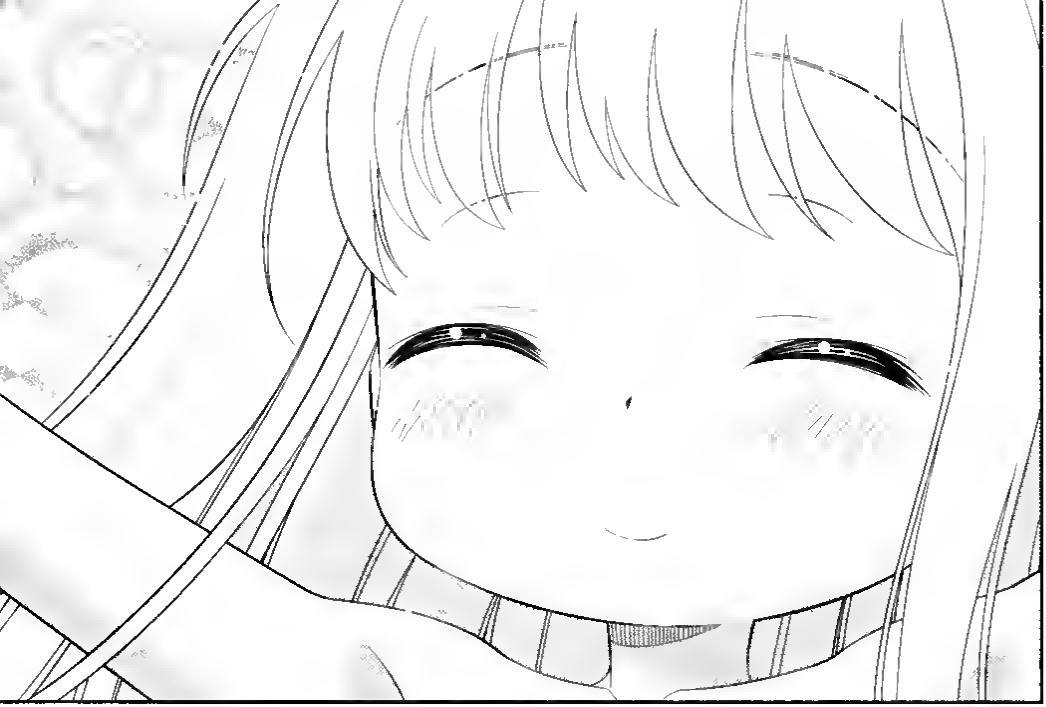

BUT KIYOSUMI'S RINSHAN USER...

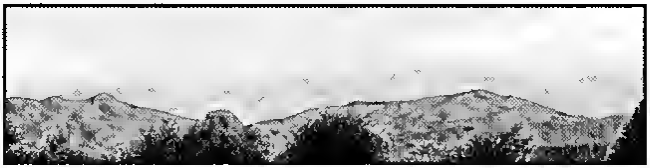
AND SO, I CAN TRULY BE FRIENDS WITH TOUKA AND THE OTHERS.
AND BECOME A FAMILY WITH THEM.


HER EXISTENCE RELEASES KOROMO FROM BEING "SPECIAL"



THERE'S NO LONGER A WALL BETWEEN US!





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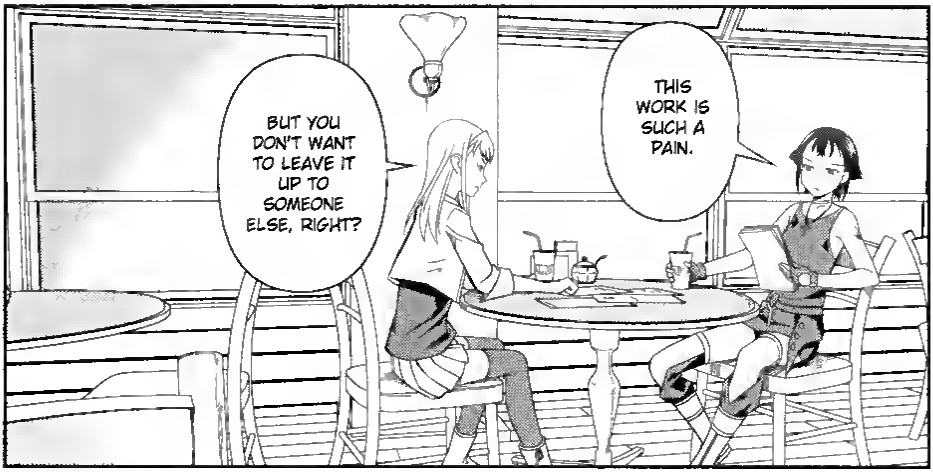
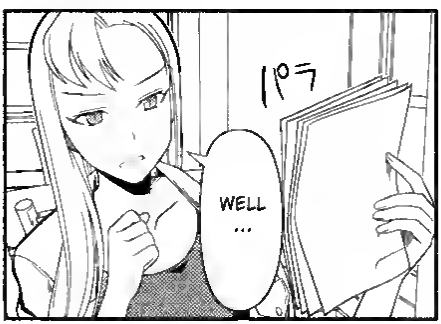
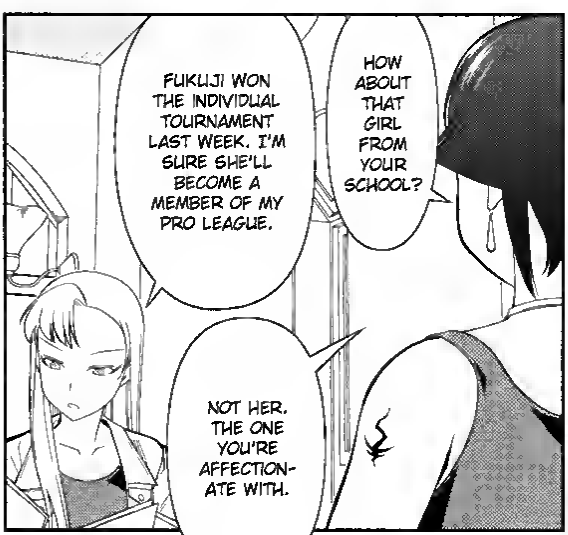

THIS WORK IS SUCH A PAIN.
BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE IT UP TO SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?

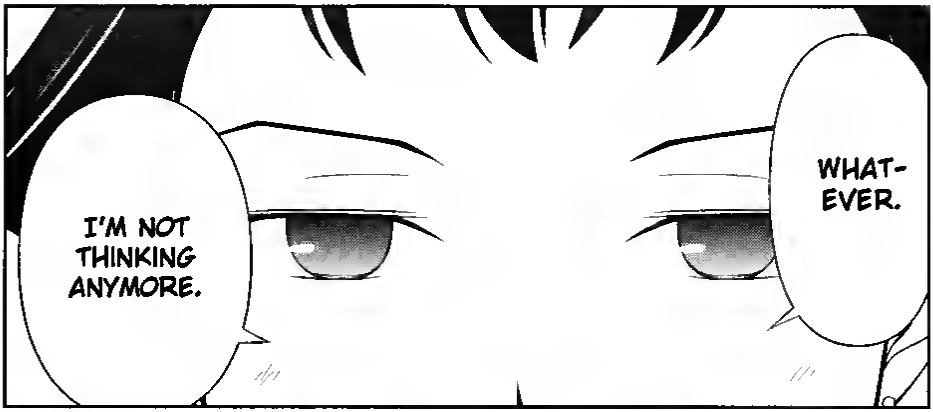

WELL ...

ANYWAYS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOURS?
SINCE I LIKE IT.


FUKUJI WON THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT LAST WEEK. I'M SURE SHE'LL BECOME A MEMBER OF MY PRO LEAGUE.
HOW ABOUT THAT GIRL FROM YOUR SCHOOL?
NOT HER. THE ONE YOU'RE AFFECTION-ATE WITH.

THE MATCH BETWEEN EAST CHIKUMA'S CAPTAIN, TSURUGA'S CAPTAIN, AND KIYOSUMI WAS GREAT.
I WISH I COULD'VE SEEN IT.

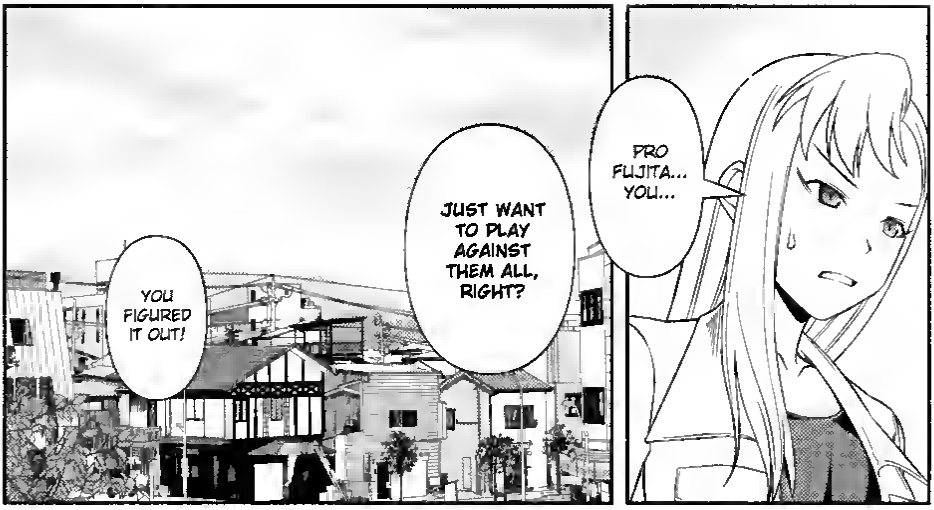
SPEAKING OF THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT...
HOW WAS PRO NANPO'S GRANDDAUGHTER?
Don't get so mad...
THE ONE THAT GOES "NYAA!"
I'M NOT AFFECTIONATE WITH HER!
AND THEN THERE'S TSURUGA'S TOUYOKO..
FUKABORI SAID IT WAS LIKE SHE "DISAPPEARED."
SHE WAS VERY GOOD I WAS SURPRISED HE HAS A GRANDDAUGHTER TO BEGIN WITH.
YEAH...
BUT I HEARD THAT KIYOSUMI'S MIYANAGA WAS ABLE TO SEE HER JUST LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE A KAN
HARAMURA NODOKA SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO SEE HER WITH NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
MAYBE IT DEPENDS ON THE OPPONENT. PEOPLE LIKE THE BLUMENTHAL SISTERS OR NEIMAN MIGHT BE IMMUNE.
HM...


I'M NOT THINKING ANYMORE.
WHAT-EVER.

A FOUR-SCHOOL TRAINING CAMP!!

HUH !?
LET'S NOT DECIDE TODAY.
I'M ENGINEERING A TRAINING CAMP FOR ALL FOUR SCHOOLS FROM THE FINALS.

IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE THE MEMBERS PLAYING EACH OTHER.
WE CAN DEAL WITH NANPO-SAN AND EAST CHIKUMA'S MUNESUE INDIVIDUALLY.



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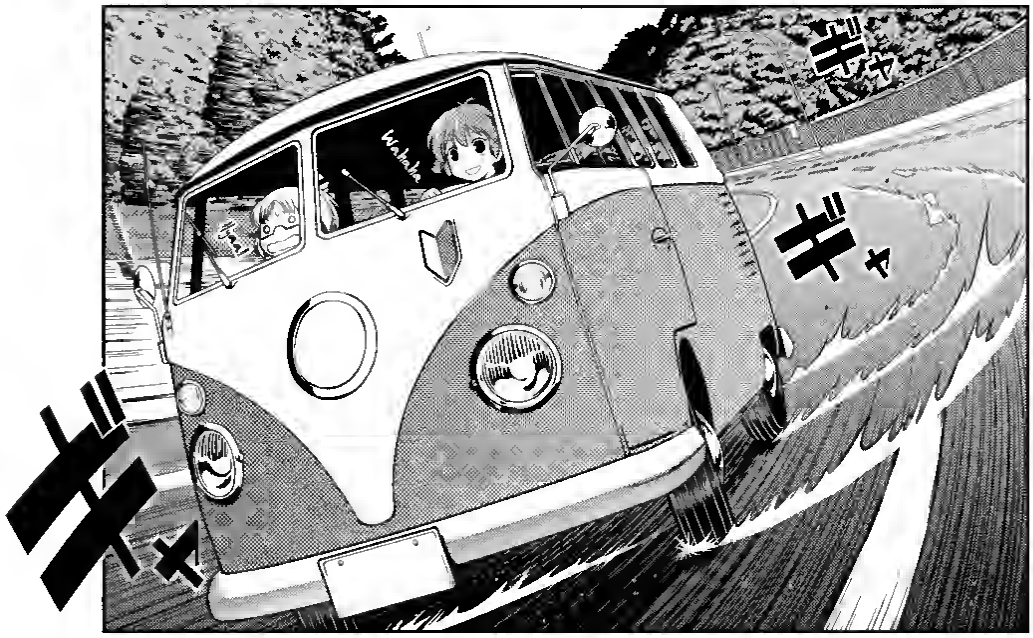

KYAAA! IT'S SHAKING!
HOW MUCH FURTHER TO THE CAMP, KANBARA?
OUR SCHOOL IS THE FURTHEST NORTH OUT OF THE FOUR SCHOOLS, SO...
AS ...
AS I RECALL ...
IT'S ONLY A BIT MORE ONCE YOU LEAVE THE LONG TUNNEL AND THE PREFECTURE ...

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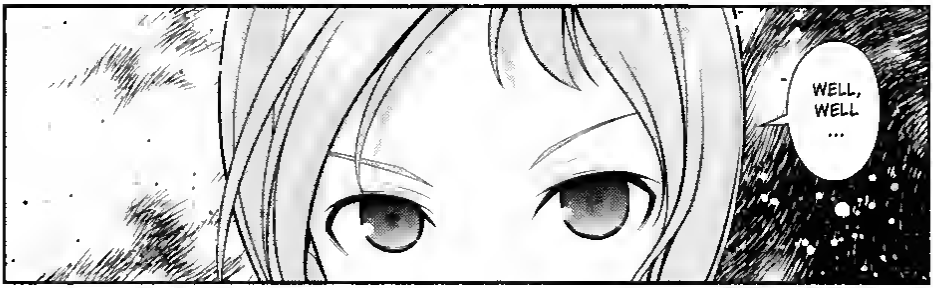
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD, SATOMI-CHAN!
THIS USED TO BE PART OF OUR PRE-FECTURE, THOUGH...
Wakana

Four-School Training Camp Area


WELL, WELL ...

I WONDER IF THIS WILL BE A FUN MEETING ...

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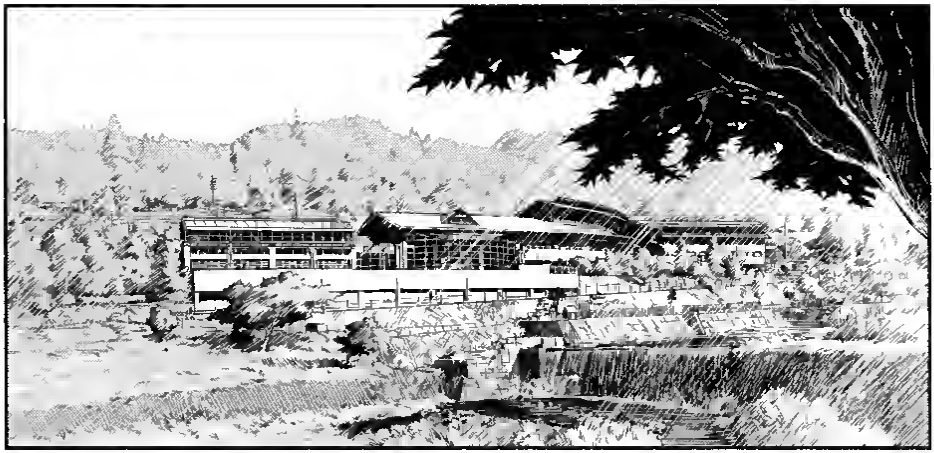

SIGN: KIYOSUMI HIGH SCHOOL MAHJONG CLUB'S FOUR-SCHOOL JOINT TRAINING CAMP

I IMAGINE YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE TRIP HERE, SO MAYBE WE SHOULD REST FOR TODAY.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
NO PROBLEMS HERE!!
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ナナ!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH... TO ALL OF YOU!
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Round 58: Training Camp

トアッ!
SAKI!
NONOKA!
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!
AH.
KOROMO-SAN.
OKAY. WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?
MAH-JONG!

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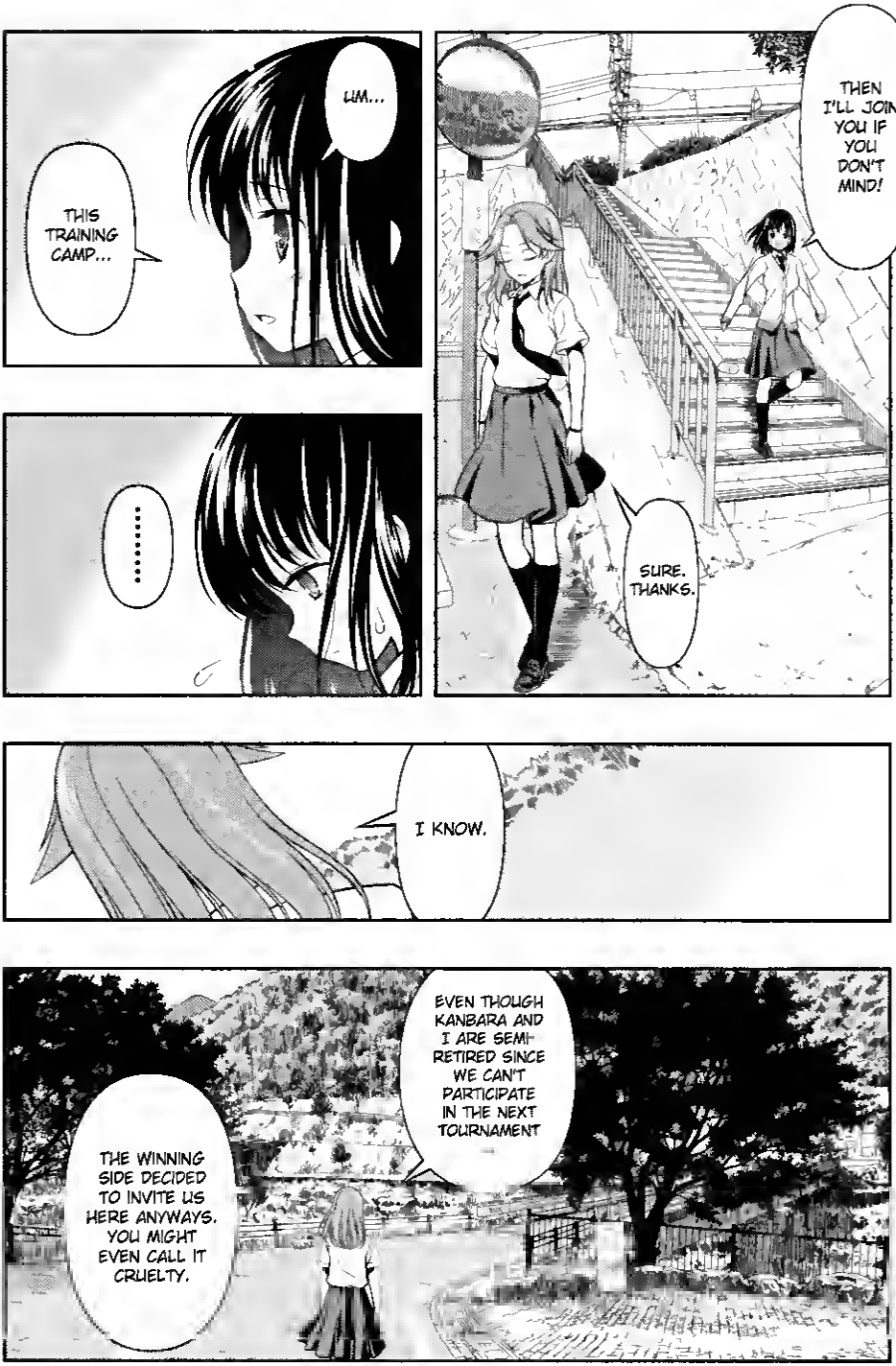
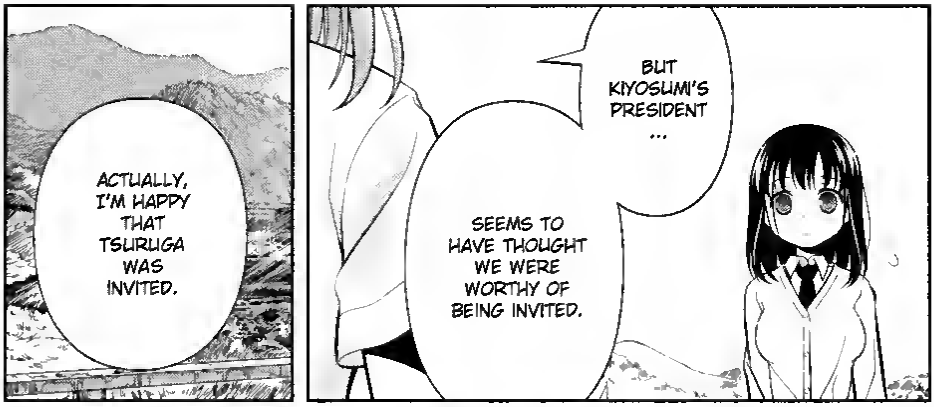
IT IS!
THAT'S SO GREAT.
SENPAI!
!
I WAS FEELING REST-LESS.
YEAH.
I WANTED TO WALK AROUND AND SEE WHAT THE SURROUND-ING AREA WAS LIKE.
TAKING A WALK?


UM...
THIS TRAINING CAMP...
.....
THEN I'LL JOIN YOU IF YOU DON'T MIND!
SURE. THANKS.
I KNOW.
EVEN THOUGH KANBARA AND I ARE SEMI-RETIRED SINCE WE CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT TOURNAMENT
THE WINNING SIDE DECIDED TO INVITE US HERE ANYWAYS. YOU MIGHT EVEN CALL IT CRUELTY.


ACTUALLY, I'M HAPPY THAT TSURUGA WAS INVITED.
BUT KIYOSUMI'S PRESIDENT ...
SEEMS TO HAVE THOUGHT WE WERE WORTHY OF BEING INVITED.

PERHAPS OUR ARRIVAL HERE WILL BE OF SOME BENEFIT TO EVERYONE.
AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE

BESIDES, MOMO...

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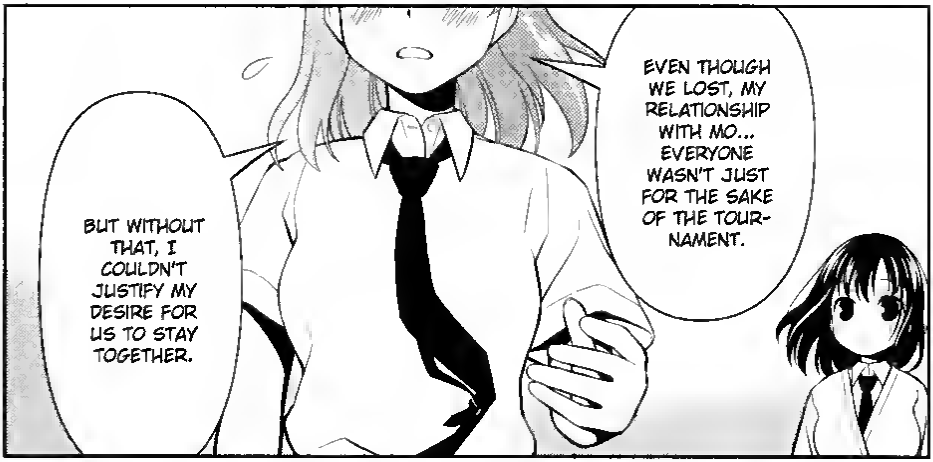
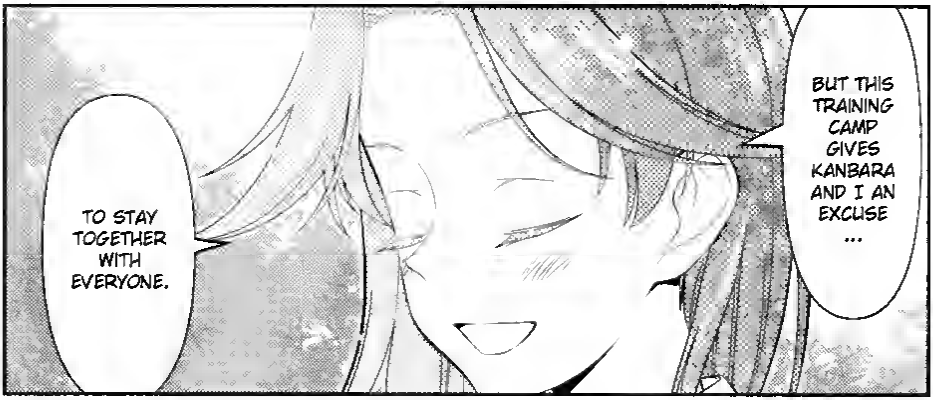
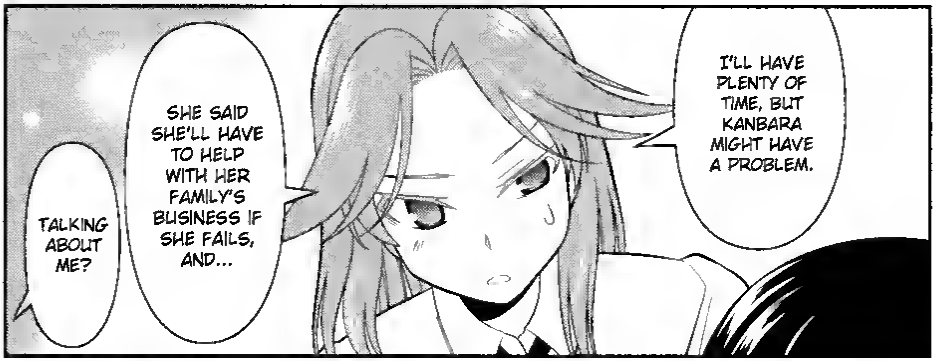
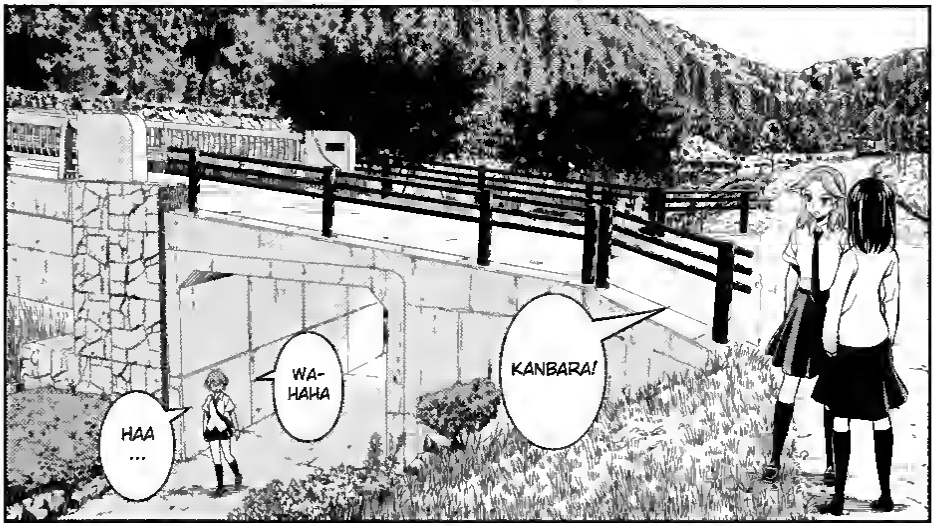

EVEN THOUGH WE LOST, MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MO... EVERYONE WASN'T JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE TOURNAMENT.
BUT WITHOUT THAT, I COULDN'T JUSTIFY MY DESIRE FOR US TO STAY TOGETHER.


BUT THIS TRAINING CAMP GIVES KANBARA AND I AN EXCUSE ...
TO STAY TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE.

SENPAI...

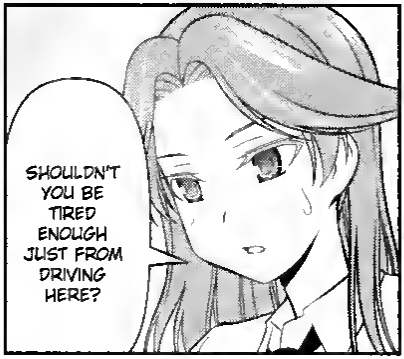
AH ...
BUT SENPAI HAS EXAMS ...
I'M GOING TO STAY WITH SENPAI THROUGH SUMMER, THROUGH FALL, AND FOREVER THEREAFTER!
THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES I WANT TO GO WITH SENPA... I MEAN EVERYONE!


I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME, BUT KANBARA MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM.
SHE SAID SHE'LL HAVE TO HELP WITH HER FAMILY'S BUSINESS IF SHE FAILS, AND...
TALKING ABOUT ME?


KANBARA!
WA-HAHA
HAA ...

TIREDNESS AND SWEAT ARE DIFFERENT THINGS, YUMI-CHIN!

I'M WORKING UP A SWEAT BEFORE I TAKE A BATH.
JOGGED A BIT.


SHOULDN'T YOU BE TIRED ENOUGH JUST FROM DRIVING HERE?

YOU SHOULD WALK FORWARD WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH.
Wahaha

AND MOMO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT US SO MUCH.
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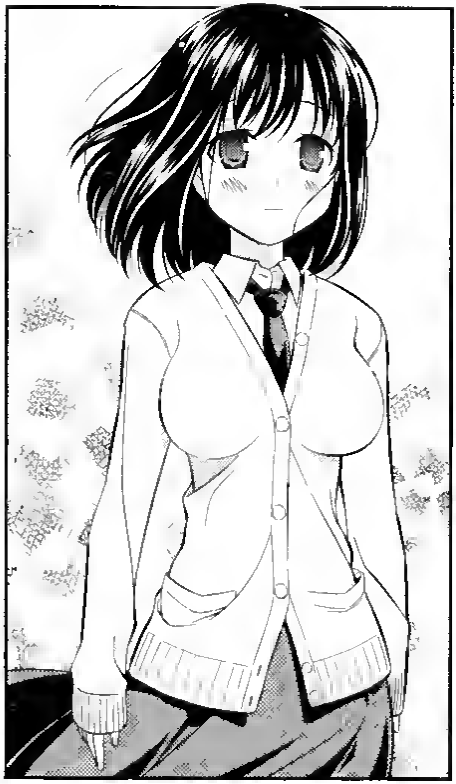
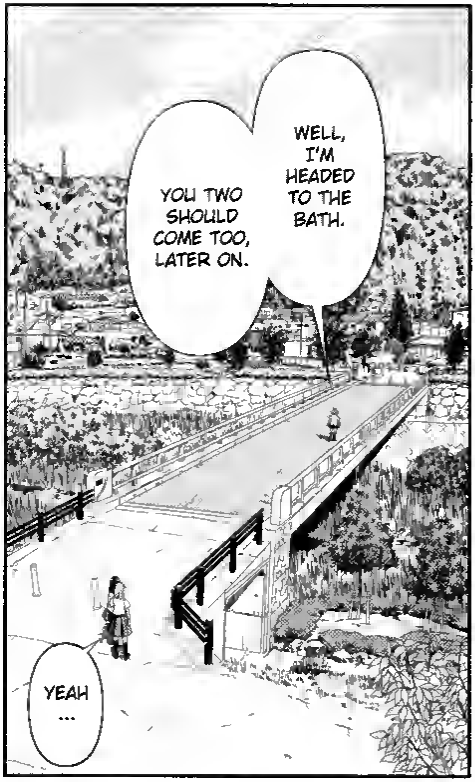
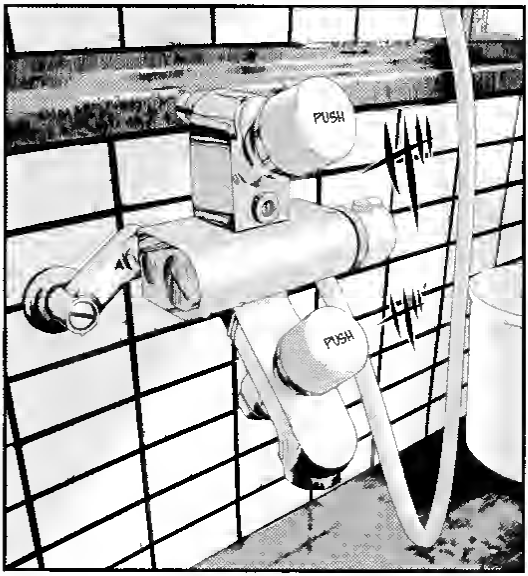



WELL, I'M HEADED TO THE BATH.
YOU TWO SHOULD COME TOO, LATER ON.
YEAH ...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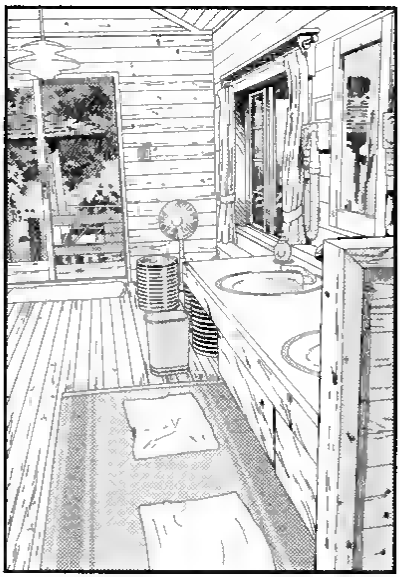
PUSH



FUAH ...
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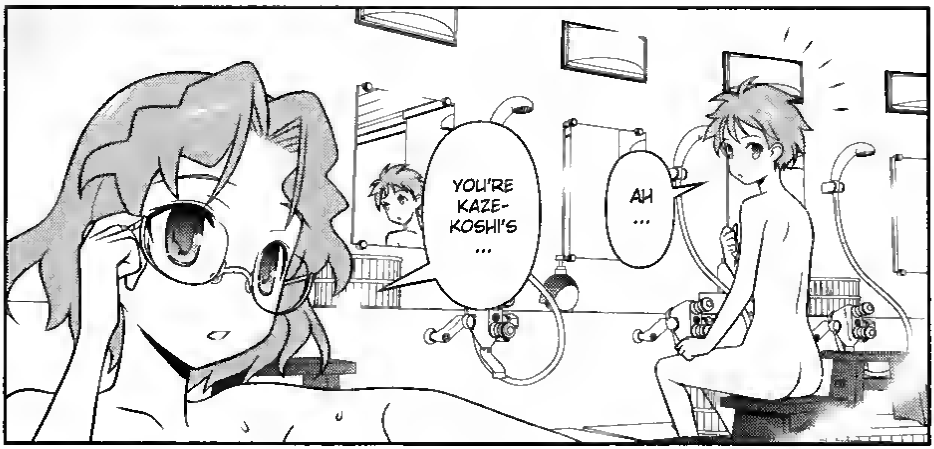
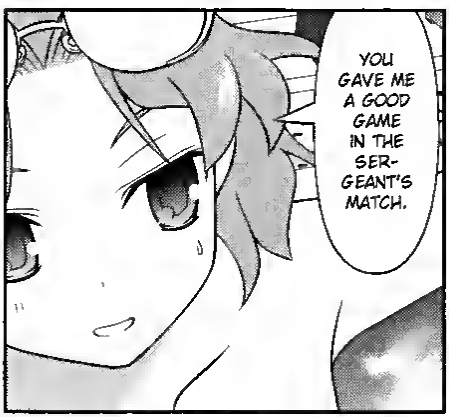
OH?
THIS IS HEAVEN.
THAT'S


YOU'RE KAZE-KOSHI'S ...
AH ...


YOU GAVE ME A GOOD GAME IN THE SER-GEANT'S MATCH.

I'M YOSHI-TOME.
YOSHI-TOME MIHARU.

I WANT TO GET REVENGE ON HER SOMETIME.
AH ...
THAT ONE DESTROYED ME.

IT WAS THE TSURUGA PLAYER'S YAKUMAN THAT...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

AGREED.
WHO?
AAH!

RYUU-MONBUCHI!

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YOSHI-TOME-SAN, YOU...

GREAT!
LET'S FIND THE LAST PLAYER AND CHALLENGE HER TO A REMATCH!

JEEZ!
DON'T HAVE TO POINT IT OUT LIKE THAT!
OKAY, I'M SORRY ALREADY...
DON'T HAVE ANY BREASTS.
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SO THIS IS THE BATH?
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THE NUMBER OF FLAT CHESTS HAS INCREASED!
HOORAY!
Wahaha

IT'S BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT ...
!!

YOU ARE MY ENEMY... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!
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ALL THE PLAYERS ARE HERE.
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
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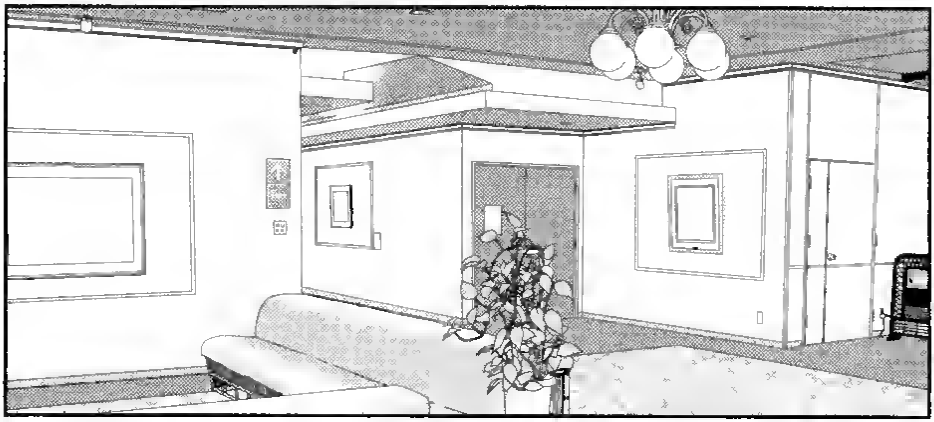
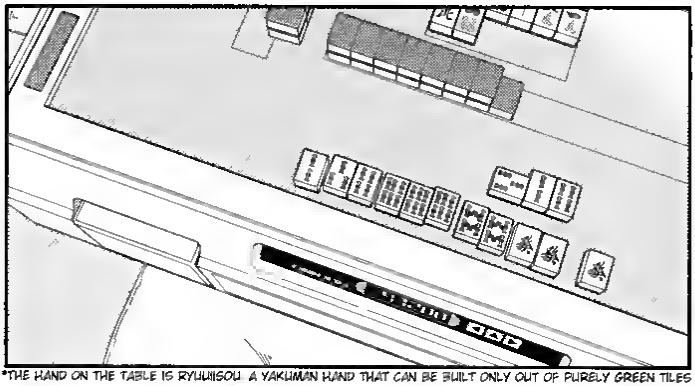
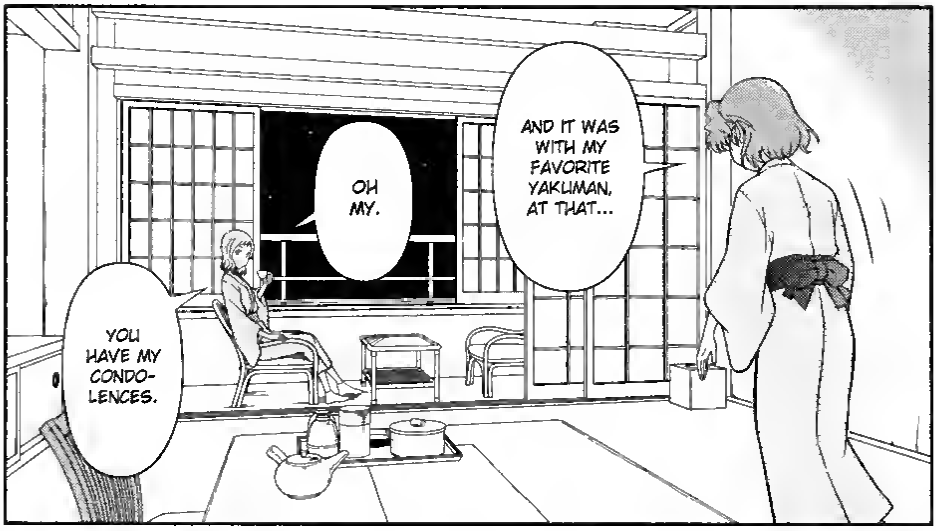
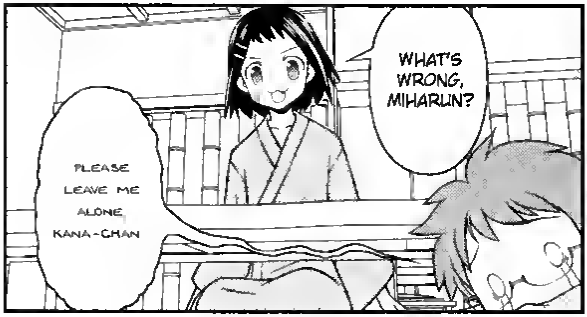
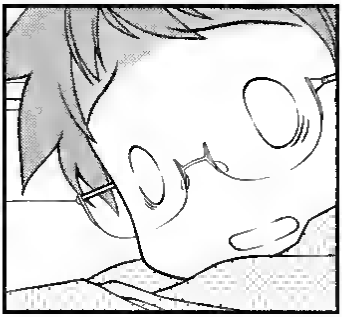


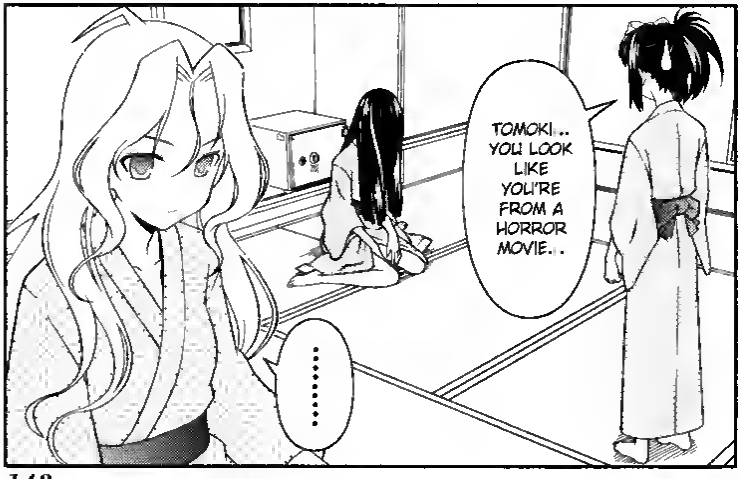


*THE HAND ON THE TABLE IS RYUUIISOU. A YAKUMAN HAND THAT CAN BE BUILT ONLY OUT OF PURELY GREEN TILES


AND IT WAS WITH MY FAVORITE YAKUMAN, AT THAT...
OH MY.
YOU HAVE MY CONDO-LENCES.


WHAT'S WRONG, MIHARUN?
PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE, KANA-CHAN




TOMOKI... YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FROM A HORROR MOVIE...
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TOUKA?
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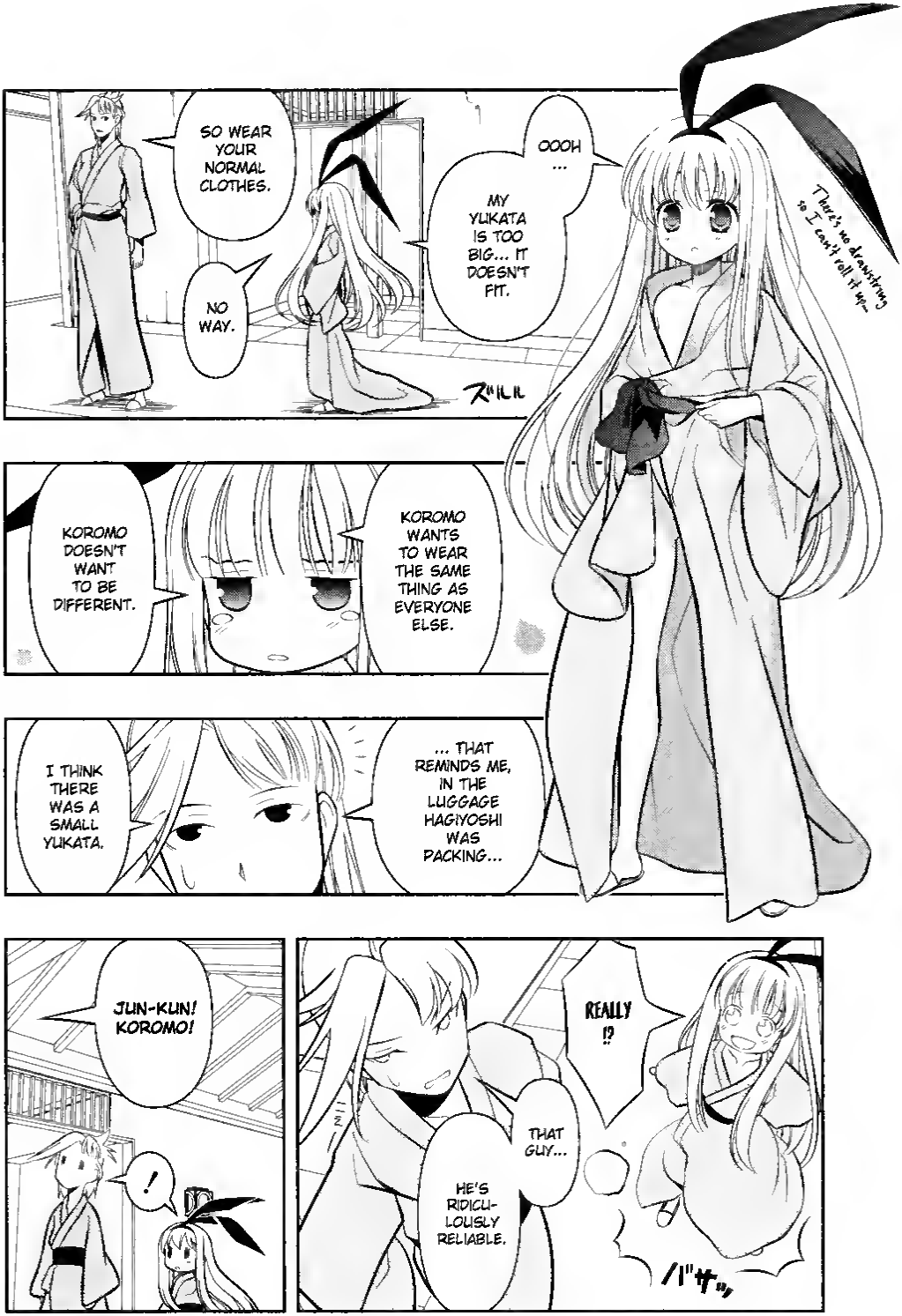
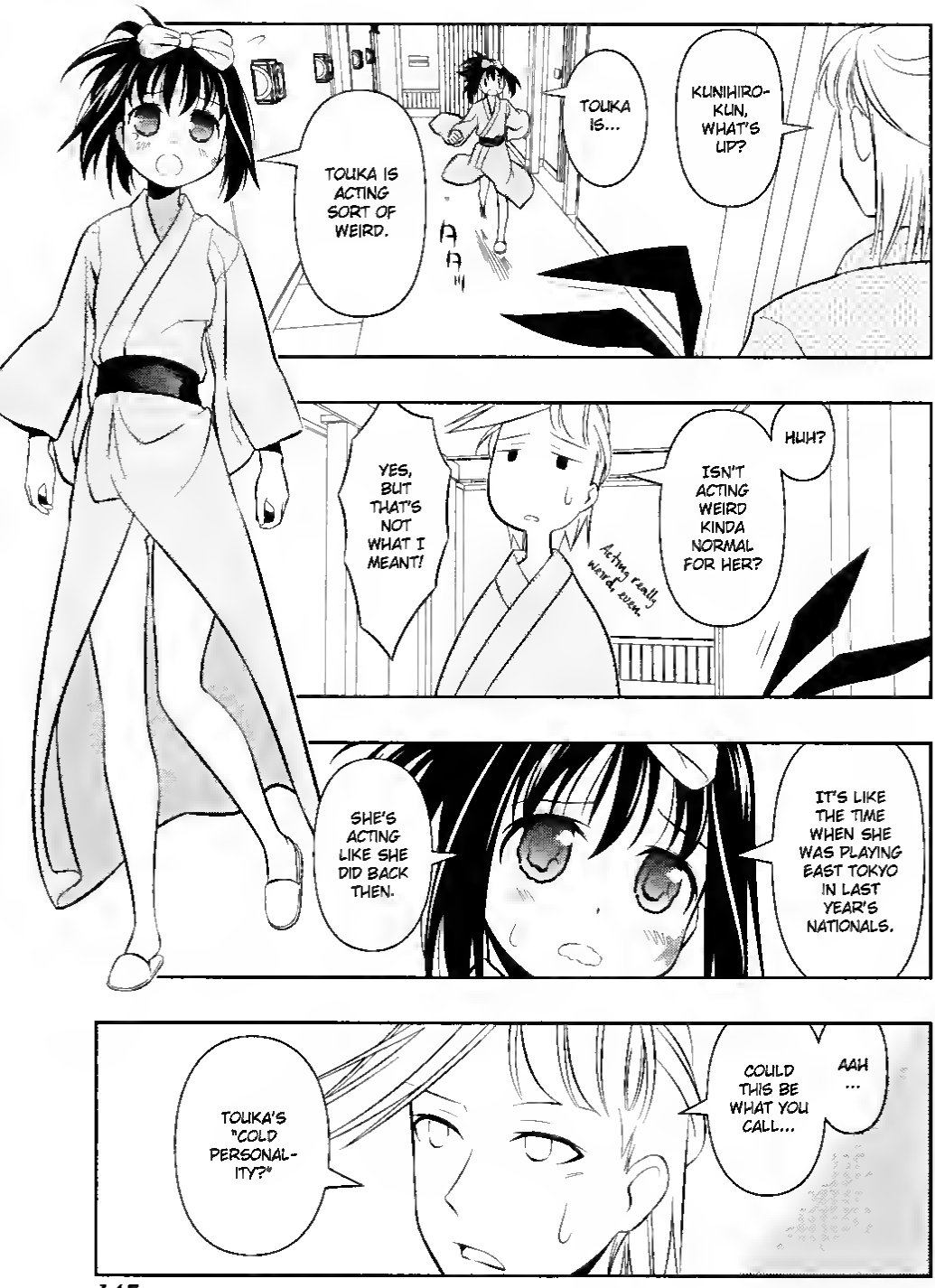
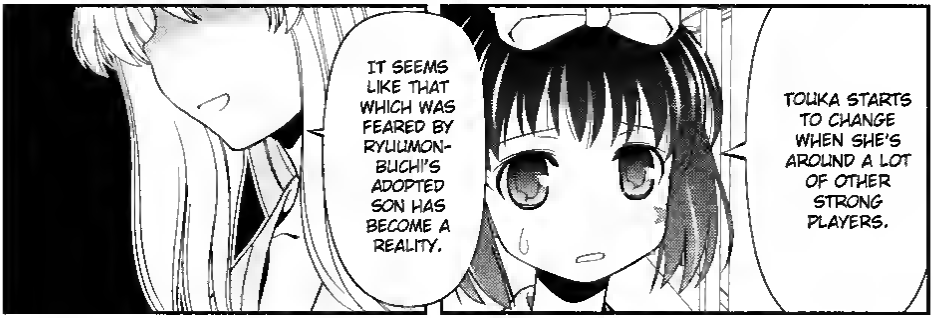
Round 59: Complete Change


SO WEAR YOUR NORMAL CLOTHES.
NO WAY.
OOOH ...
MY YUKATA IS TOO BIG... IT DOESN'T FIT.
There's no drawstring so I can't roll it up...
KOROMO WANTS TO WEAR THE SAME THING AS EVERYONE ELSE.
KOROMO DOESN'T WANT TO BE DIFFERENT.
... THAT REMINDS ME, IN THE LUGGAGE HAGIYOSHI WAS PACKING...
I THINK THERE WAS A SMALL YUKATA.
JUN-KUN! KOROMO!
!
REALLY !?
THAT GUY...
HE'S RIDICU-LOUSLY RELIABLE.


KUNIHIRO-KUN, WHAT'S UP?
TOUKA IS...
TOUKA IS ACTING SORT OF WEIRD.
HUH?
ISN'T ACTING WEIRD KINDA NORMAL FOR HER?
Acting really weird, hmm.
YES, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
IT'S LIKE THE TIME WHEN SHE WAS PLAYING EAST TOKYO IN LAST YEAR'S NATIONALS.
SHE'S ACTING LIKE SHE DID BACK THEN.
AAH ...
COULD THIS BE WHAT YOU CALL...
TOUKA'S "COLD PERSONALITY?"

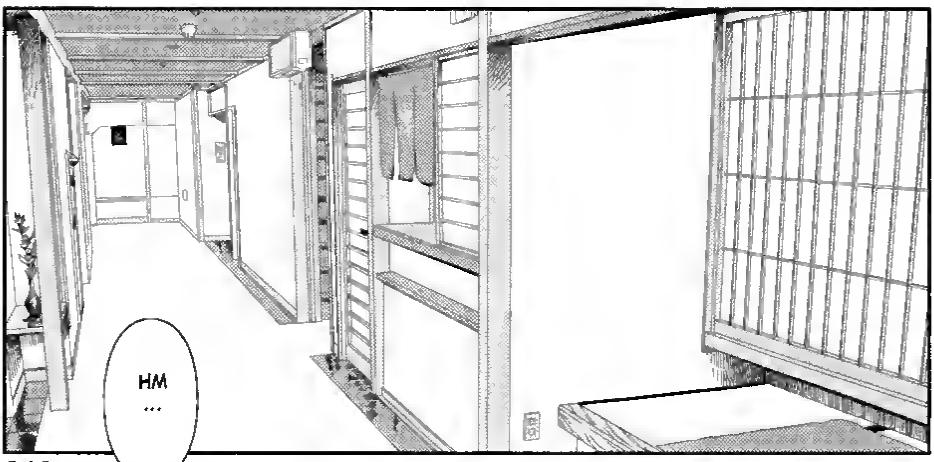
TODAY, TOUKA MET A LOT OF STRONG ENEMIES, RIGHT?
Y... YEAH.
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS...


TOUKA STARTS TO CHANGE WHEN SHE'S AROUND A LOT OF OTHER STRONG PLAYERS.
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT WHICH WAS FEARED BY RYUUMON-BUCHI'S ADOPTED SON HAS BECOME A REALITY.

BUT IF THE NUMBER OF MONSTERS HAS INCREASED,
KOROMO IS HAPPY.

I AM...

I AM
REPINTELY
NOT HAPPY.


HM
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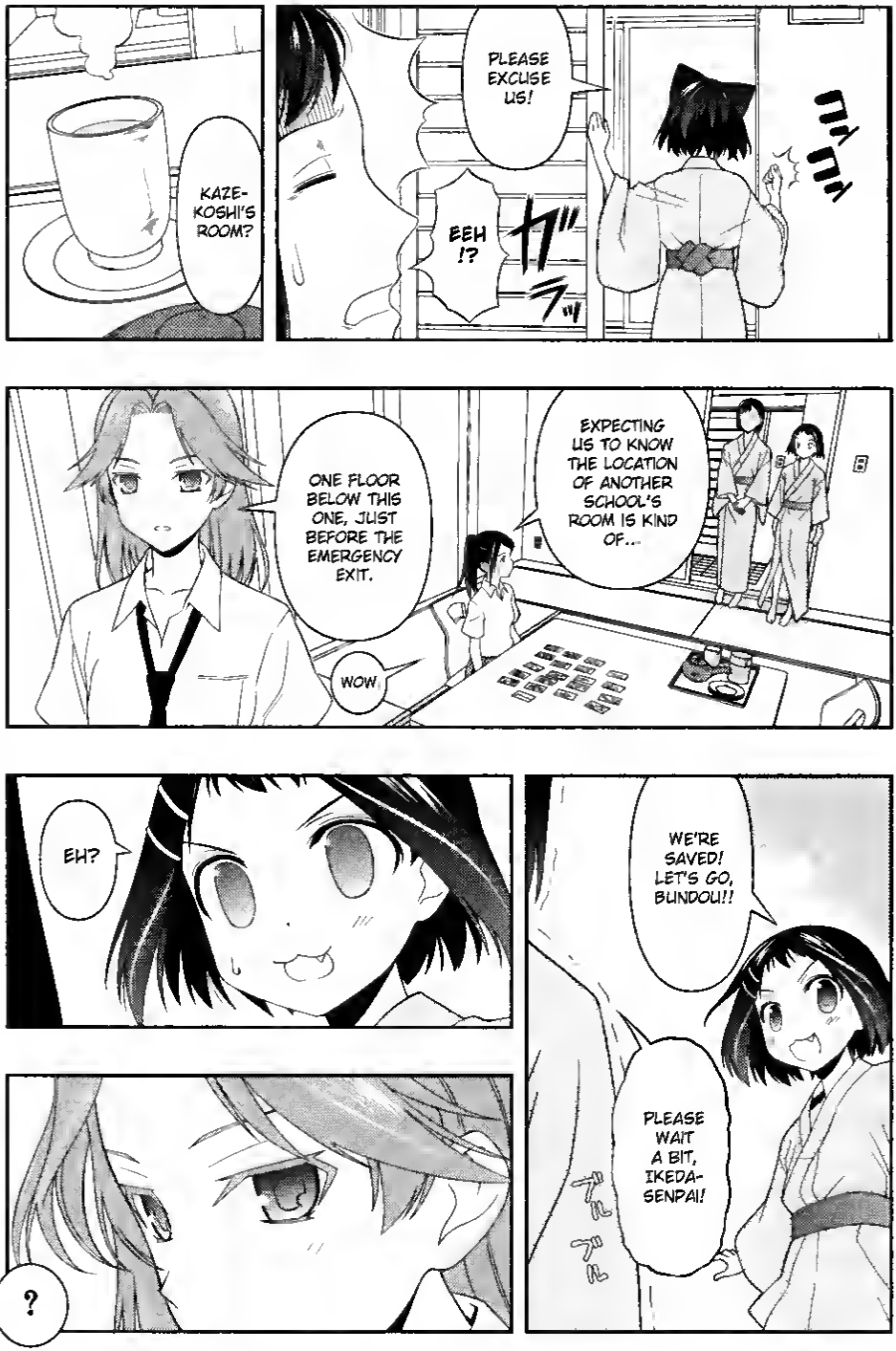
WE'RE LOST!
EH?
WASN'T KAZEKOSHI'S ROOM ON THIS FLOOR SOMEWHERE?
I'LL START GETTING COLD FROM THE BATH IF WE DON'T GET BACK SOON.
Nyaaa~
OH!
I FOUND TSURUGA'S ROOM!
THAT DOESN'T REALLY HELP US.


KAZE-KOSHI'S ROOM?
EEH !?
PLEASE EXCUSE US!
ONE FLOOR BELOW THIS ONE, JUST BEFORE THE EMERGENCY EXIT.
WOW
EXPECTING US TO KNOW THE LOCATION OF ANOTHER SCHOOL'S ROOM IS KIND OF...
EH?
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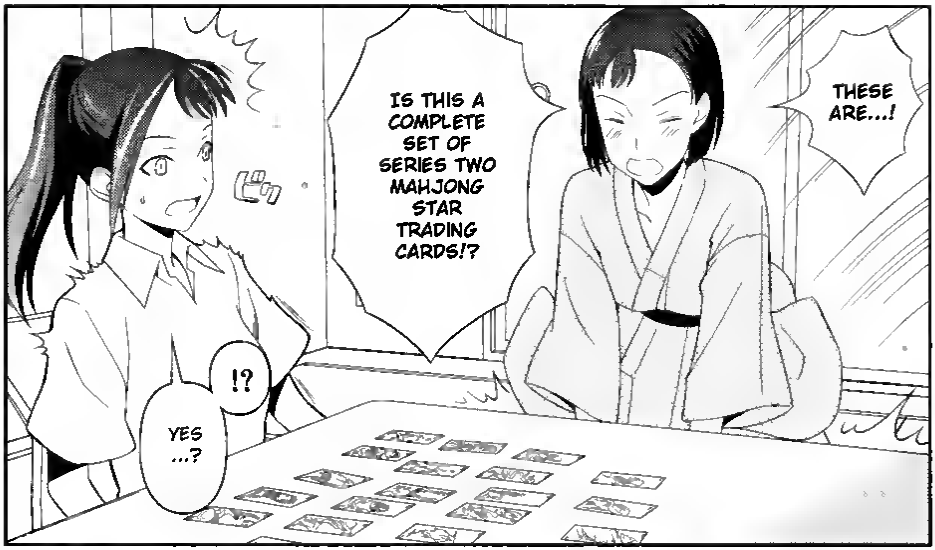
WE'RE SAVED! LET'S GO, BUNDOU!!
PLEASE WAIT A BIT, IKEDA-SENPAI!


THESE ARE...!
IS THIS A COMPLETE SET OF SERIES TWO MAHJONG STAR TRADING CARDS!?
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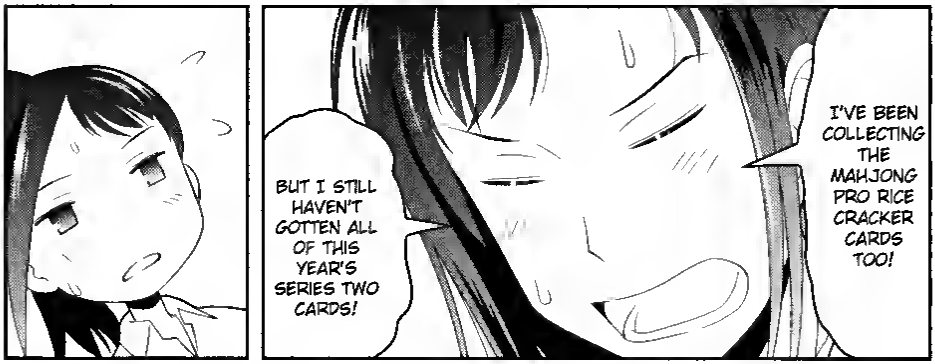
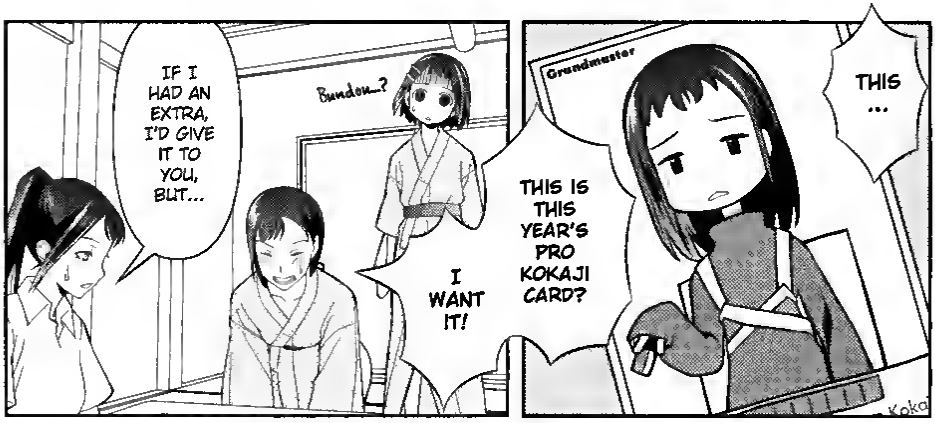
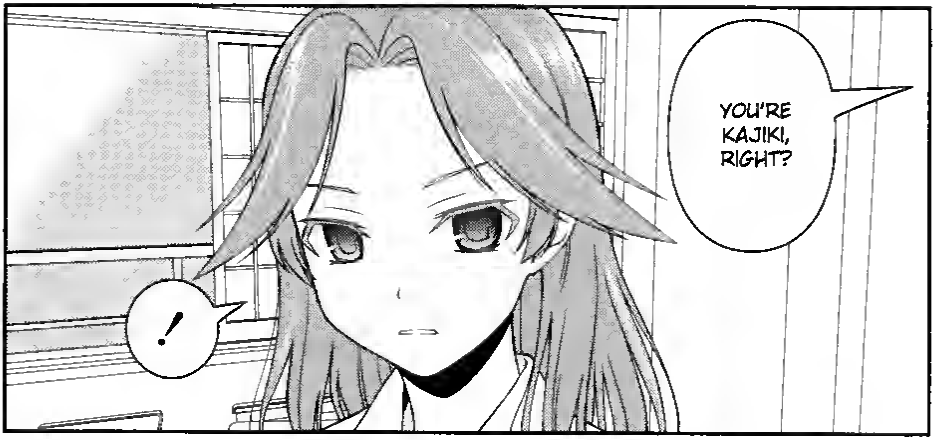
YES ...?


I'VE BEEN COLLECTING THE MAHJONG PRO RICE CRACKER CARDS TOO!
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN ALL OF THIS YEAR'S SERIES TWO CARDS!


IF I HAD AN EXTRA, I'D GIVE IT TO YOU, BUT...
Bundou...?
I WANT IT!
THIS IS THIS YEAR'S PRO KOKAJI CARD?
Grandmaster
THIS ...
Yoka!

WHAT WAS THAT?
NYUAH!
Reversal Queen
I ONLY HAVE AN EXTRA OF PRO FUJI-TA'S
I DON'T NEED IT!
PRO FUJITA !!
NO... I MEAN... IT'S JUST THAT I ALREADY HAVE TWO OF YOUR CARD...
TH-THAT'S ALL I MEANT!
OR RATHER .. WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
AH, RIGHT ...


YOU'RE KAJIKI, RIGHT?
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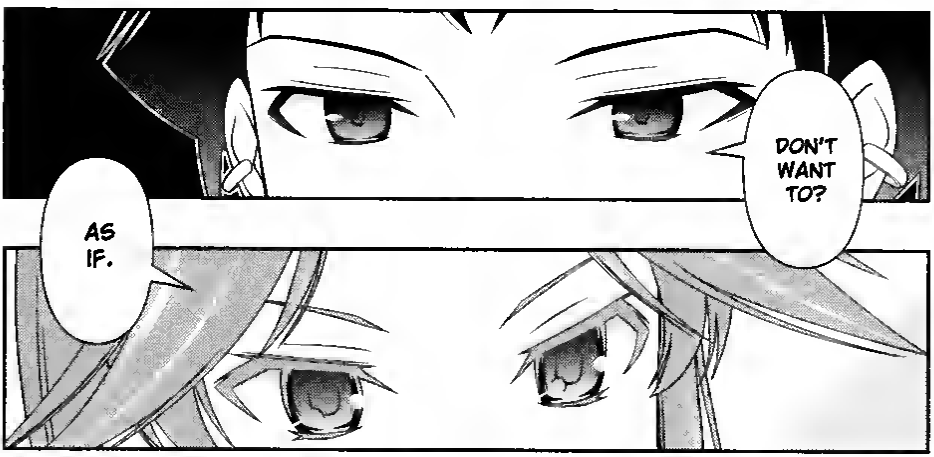
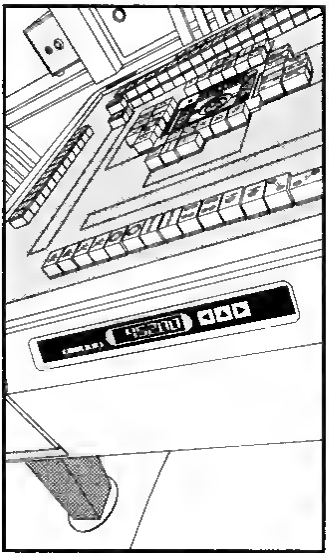
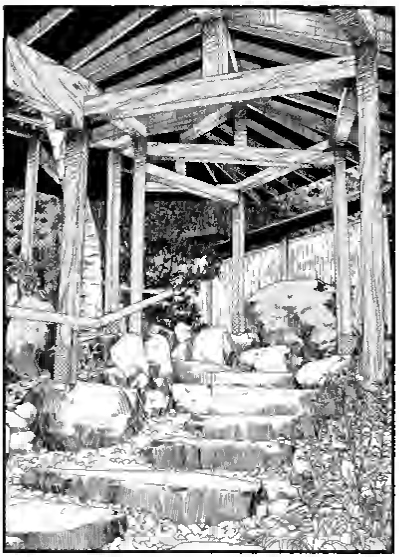
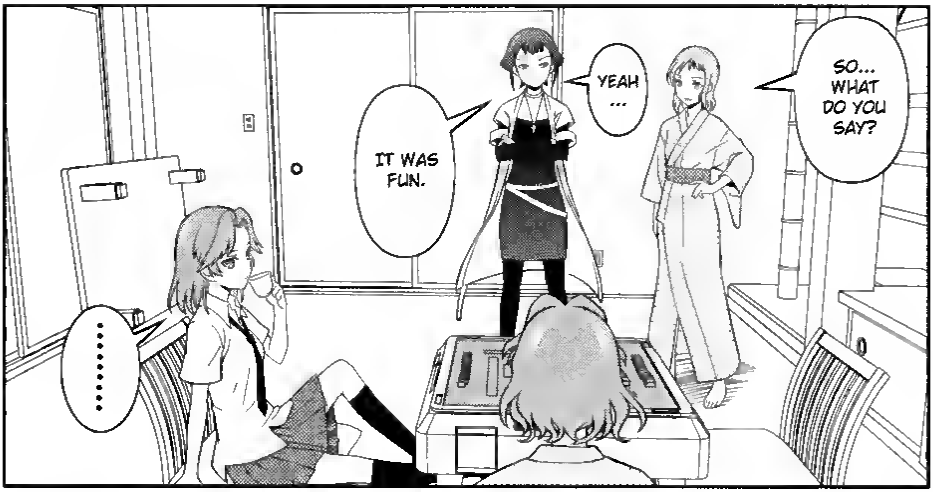
DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME?
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A MATCH WITH YOU.
WITH ME?


DON'T WANT TO?
AS IF.






SO... WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YEAH ...
IT WAS FUN.
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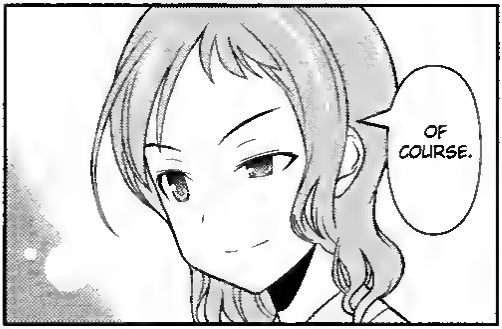
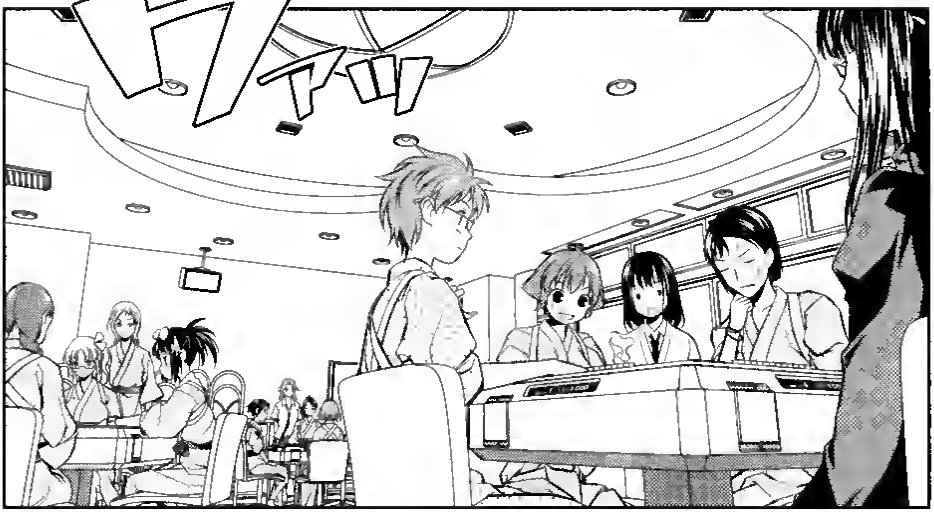

OF COURSE.

I'M GOING TO BED FOR NOW, BUT SHALL WE PLAY AGAIN TOMORROW?

IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.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RIICHI IPPATSU... AND THAT'S IT.
2600 POINTS!
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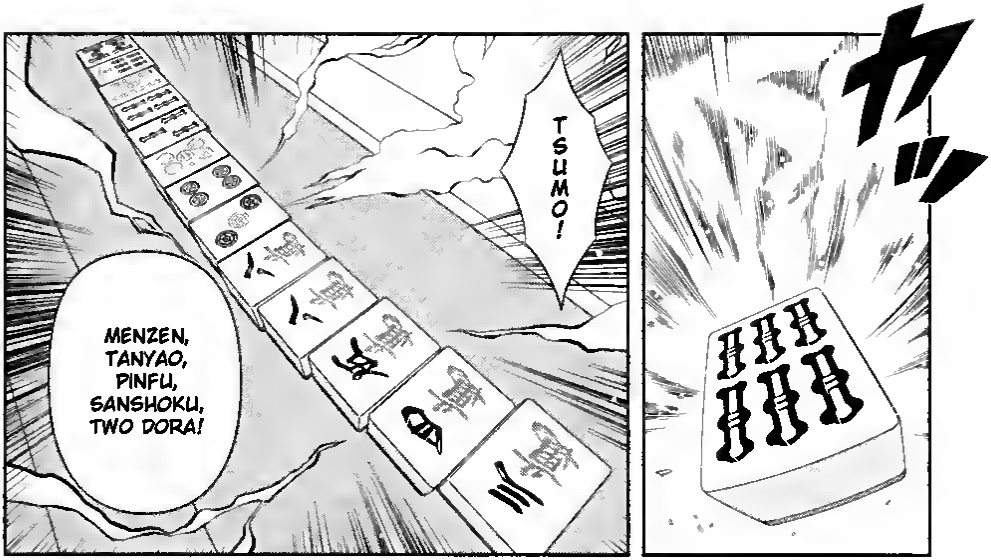
EVEN WITH AN IPPATSU IT'S STILL A CHEAP HAND.

THAT'S THE ONE!
RON!

SAVE THE BRAGGING FOR AFTER YOU BEAT ME.
RIGHT. THAT'S THE SPIRIT.
KEEP GETTING STRONGER.


TSUMO!
MENZEN, TANYAO, PINFU, SANSHOKU, TWO DORA!
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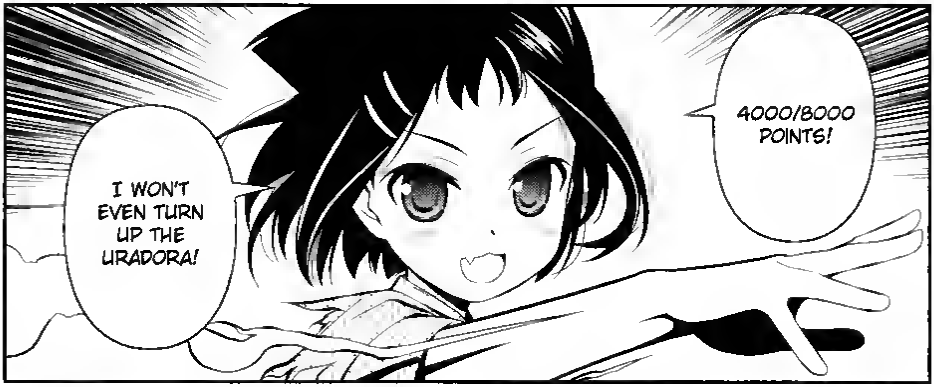
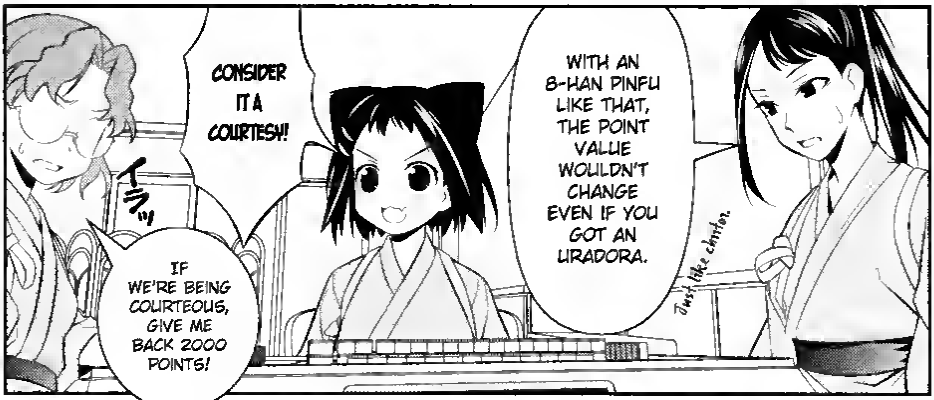

4000/8000 POINTS!
I WON'T EVEN TURN UP THE URADORA!


WITH AN 8-HAN PINFU LIKE THAT, THE POINT VALUE WOULDN'T CHANGE EVEN IF YOU GOT AN URADORA.
Just like chinton.
CONSIDER IT A COURTESY!
IF WE'RE BEING COURTEOUS, GIVE ME BACK 2000 POINTS!
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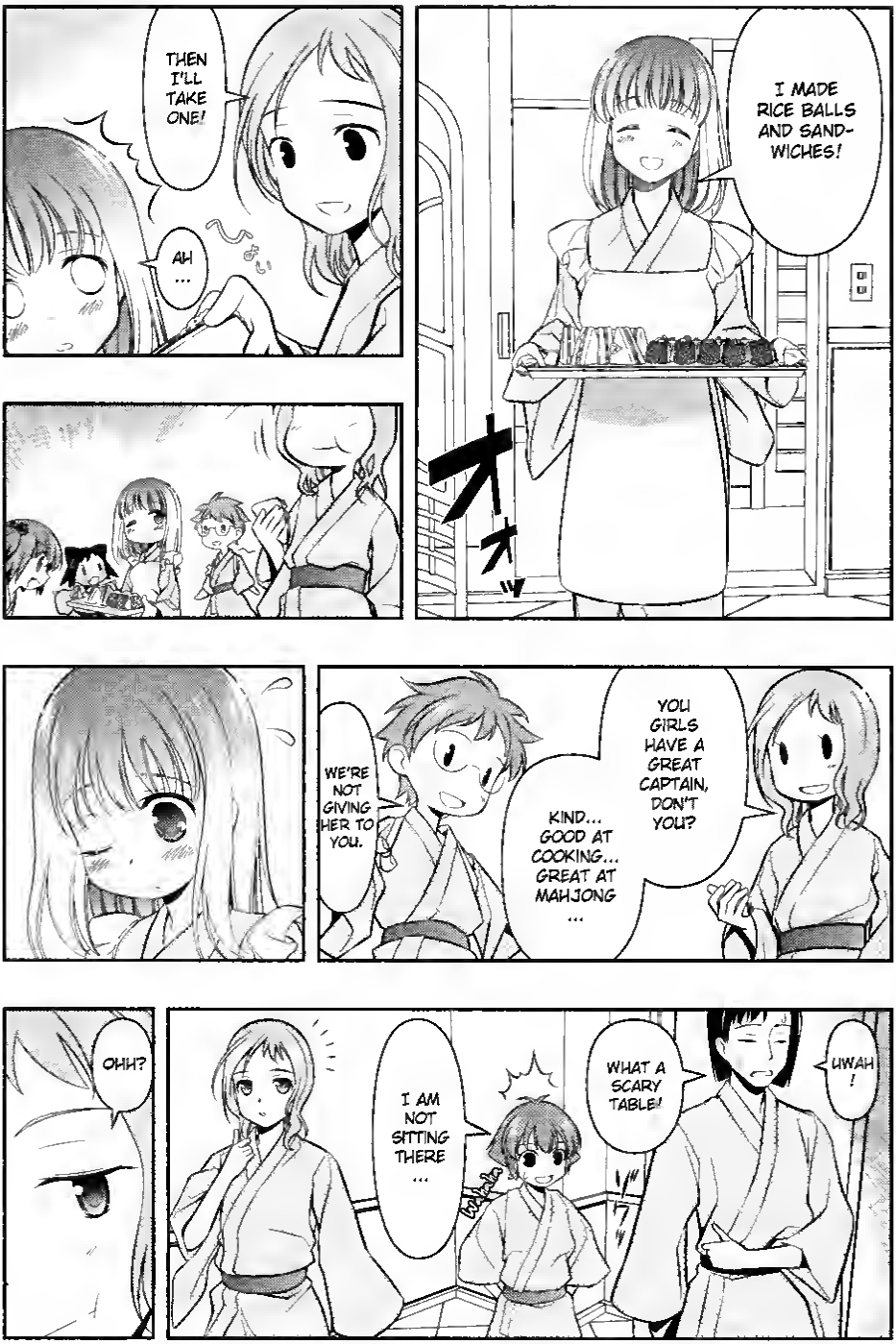
THEN I'LL TAKE ONE!
AH...
I MADE RICE BALLS AND SANDWICHES!
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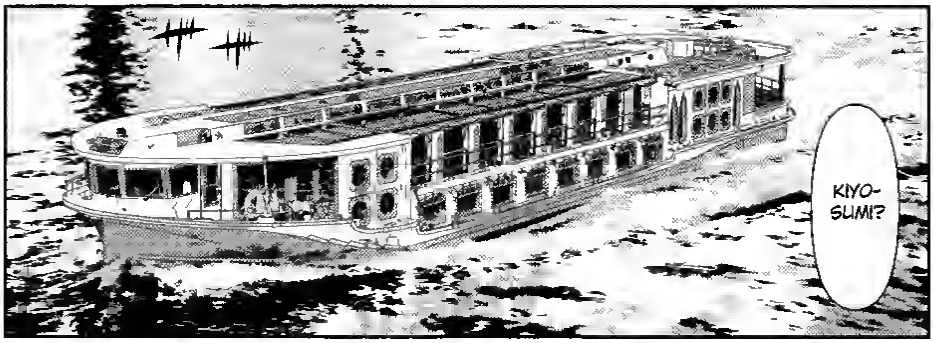
YOU GIRLS HAVE A GREAT CAPTAIN, DON'T YOU?
KIND... GOOD AT COOKING... GREAT AT MAHJONG...
WE'RE NOT GIVING HER TO YOU.
OHH?
I AM NOT SITTING THERE...
WHAT A SCARY TABLE!
UWAH!

WE'RE ONE SHORT.
HOW ABOUT ME THEN?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HAD TO GET SERI...
OUS ...

PLEASE, ALLOW ME.
TOUKA!
Meanwhile, Central Tokyo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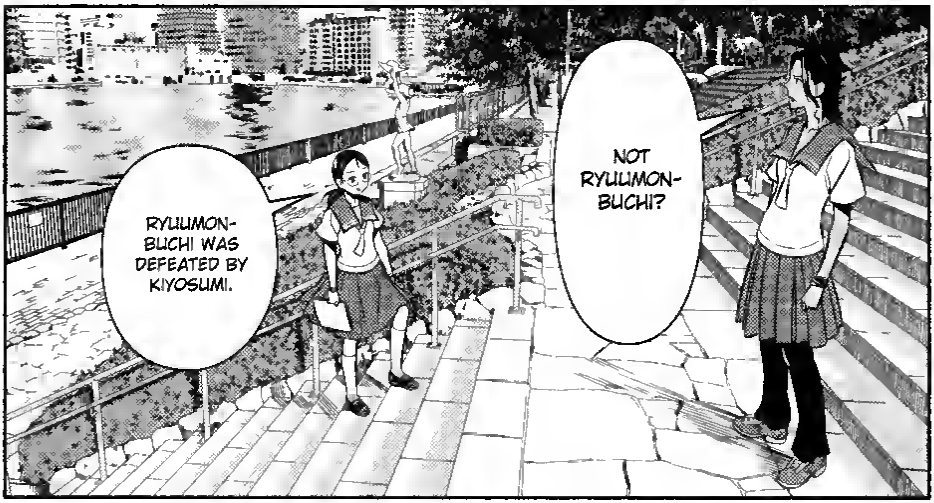
SUMI?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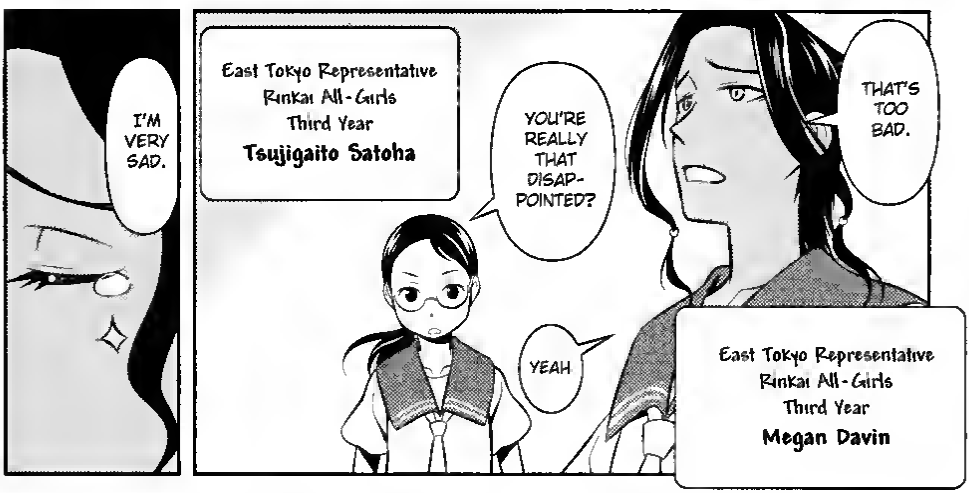
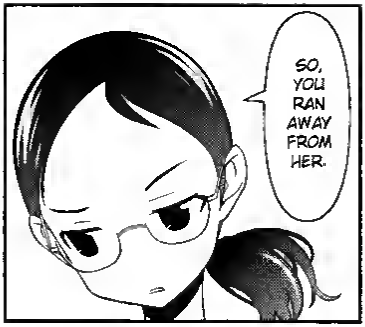
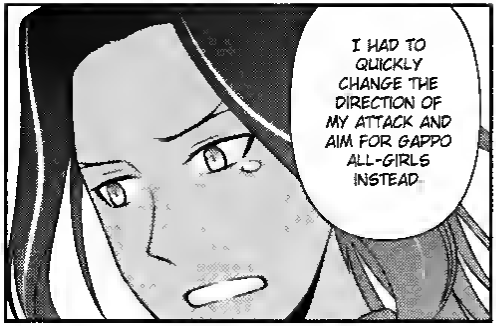
BUCHI?
RYUUMON-
BUCHI WAS
DEFEATED BY
KIYOSUMI.

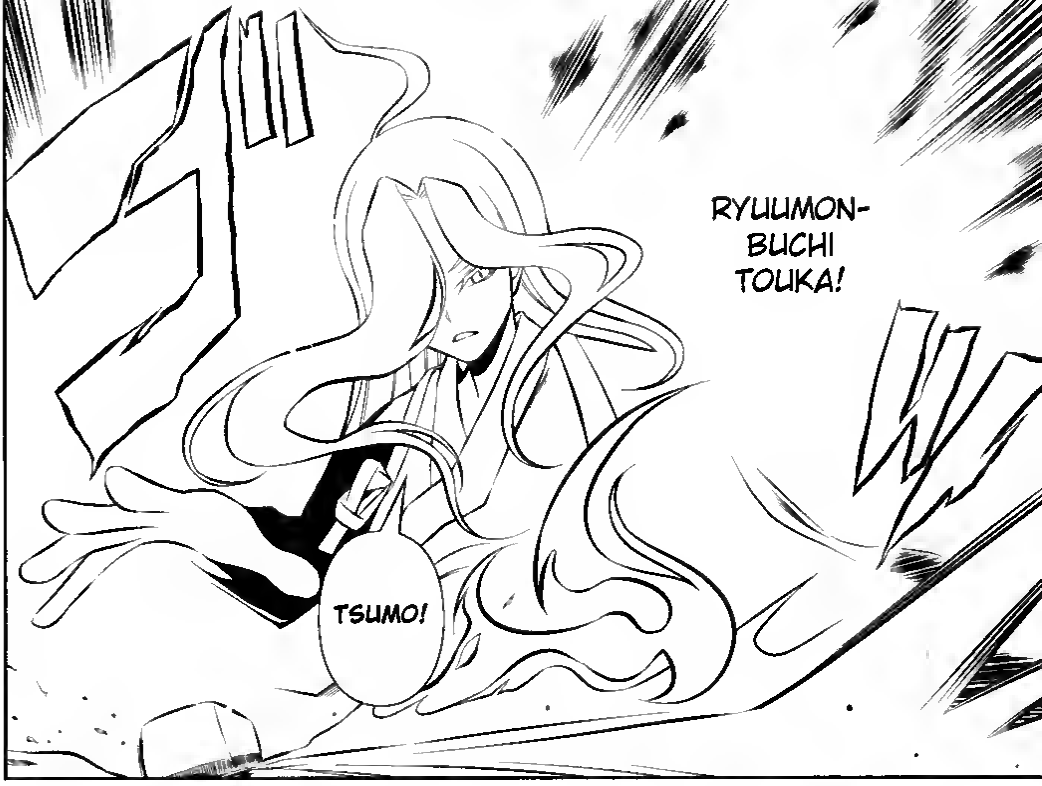

I'M
VERY
SAD.
East Tokyo Representative
Rinkai All-Girls
Third Year
Tsujigaito Satoha
YOU'RE
REALLY
THAT
DISAP-
POINTED?
YEAH
THAT'S
TOO
BAD.
East Tokyo Representative
Rinkai All-Girls
Third Year
Megan Davin

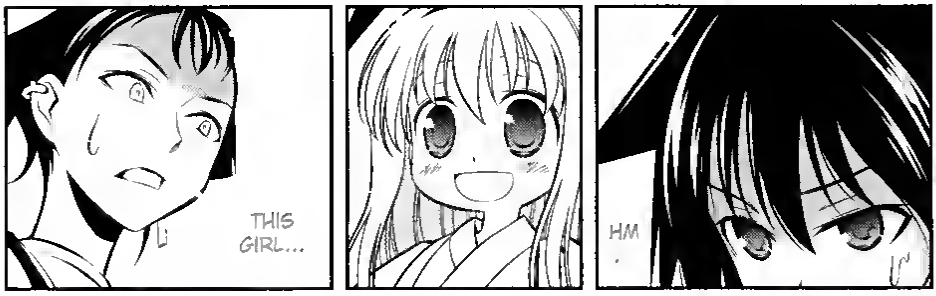
LAST YEAR, THAT PLAYER SUDDENLY AND COMPLETELY CHANGED.

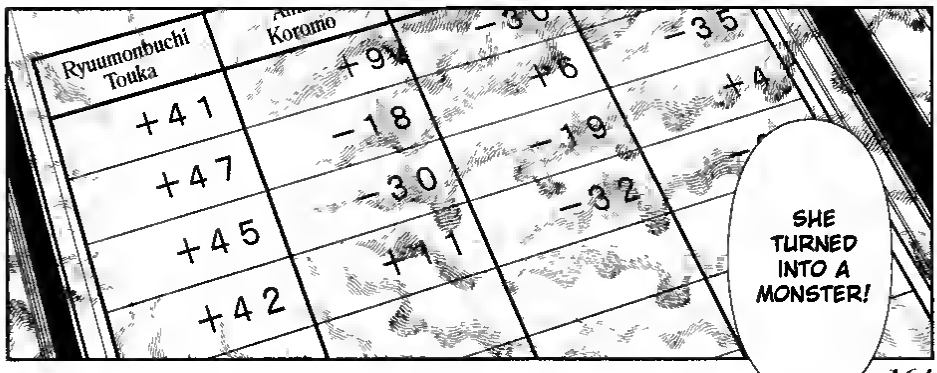

SO, YOU RAN AWAY FROM HER.


I HAD TO QUICKLY CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF MY ATTACK AND AIM FOR GAPPO ALL-GIRLS INSTEAD.

AS I AM NOW, I COULD HAVE FACED HER HEAD-ON, BUT LAST YEAR I FALTERED AND RAN.
THAT'S RIGHT.


RYUUMON-
BUCHI
TOUKA!
TSUMO!


THIS
GIRL...
HM


Ryuumonbuchi
Touka
Koromo
+41
+47
+45
+42
−18
−30
+11
+9
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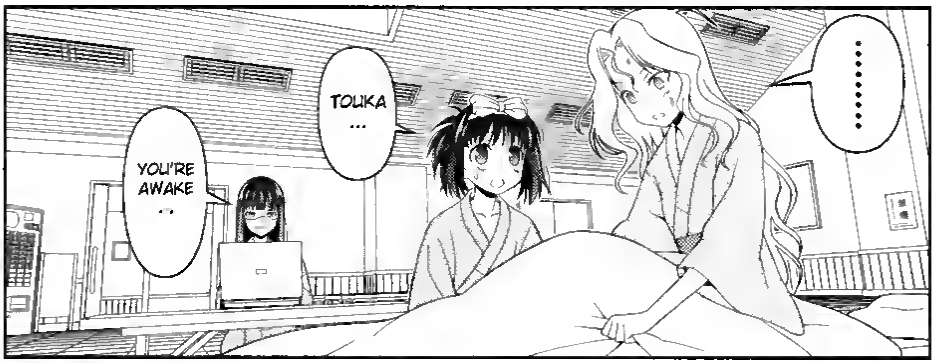
−32
+6
SHE
TURNED
INTO A
MONSTER!

Round 60: Ambush

HAH!!


TOUKA ...
YOU'RE AWAKE ..
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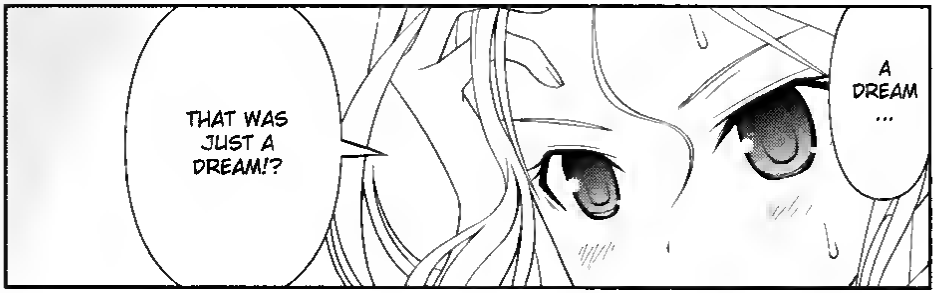
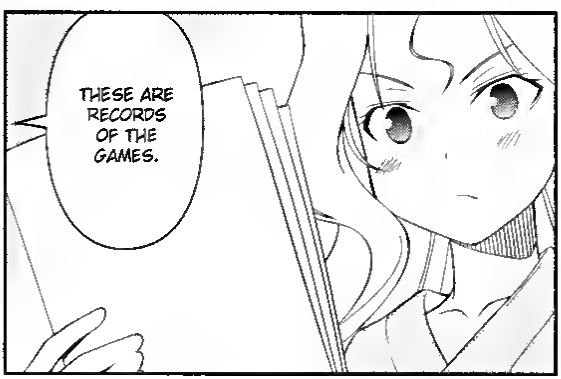
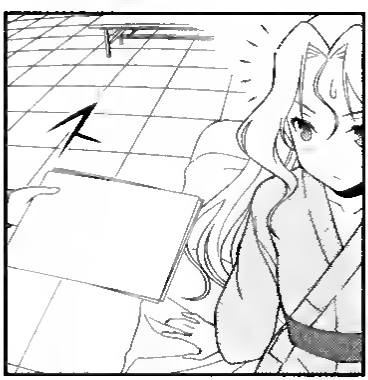
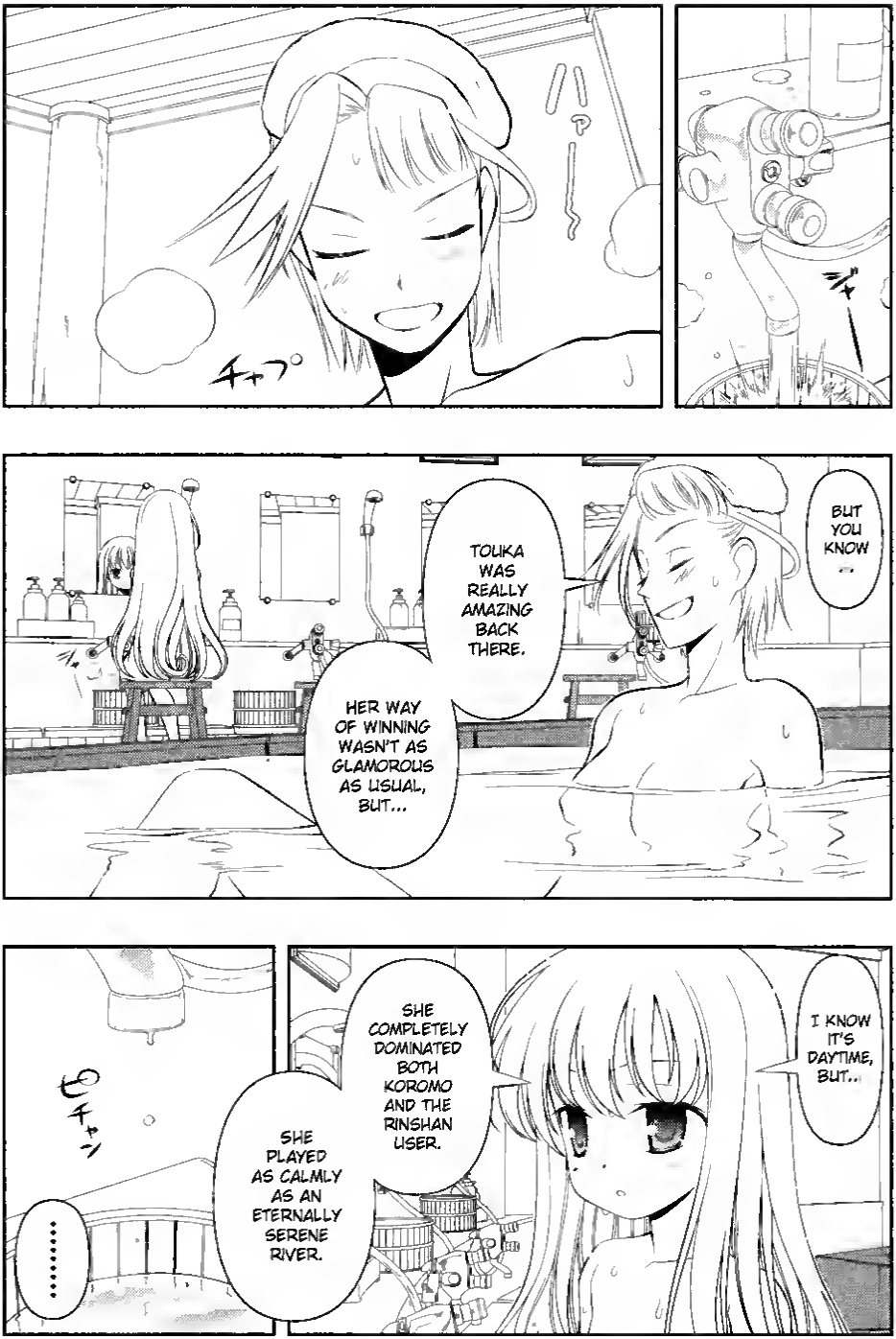

A DREAM ...
THAT WAS JUST A DREAM!?

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR REPEATED VICTORIES OVER KOROMO, THAT PLAYER FROM KIYOSUMI, AND THE PRO...
THAT WASN'T A DREAM.


THESE ARE RECORDS OF THE GAMES.



TOUKA, YOU PLAYED FOUR GAMES AND THEN PASSED OUT...
I WAS REALLY WORRIED.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BUT YOU KNOW...
TOUKA WAS REALLY AMAZING BACK THERE.
HER WAY OF WINNING WASN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS USUAL, BUT...
I KNOW IT'S DAYTIME, BUT...
SHE COMPLETELY DOMINATED BOTH KOROMO AND THE RINSHAN USER.
SHE PLAYED AS CALMLY AS AN ETERNALLY SERENE RIVER.
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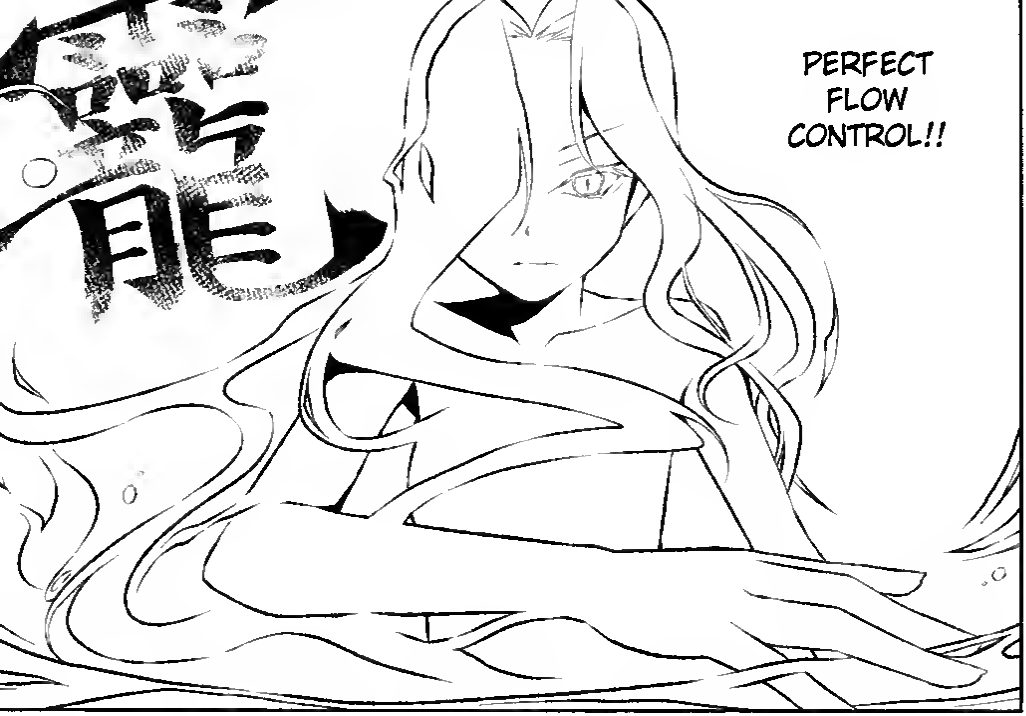
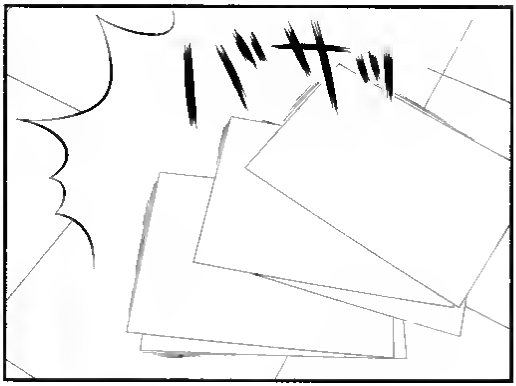


*CHARACTER LEFT OF TOUKA. "DRAGON GODDESS" REFERENCES TO THE DRAGON GOD "KURAOKAMI."

THIS PLAYER ...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TOUKA ...

THIS STYLE IS JUST TOO DIFFERENT FROM HOW I PLAYED AGAINST HARAMURA NODOKA!
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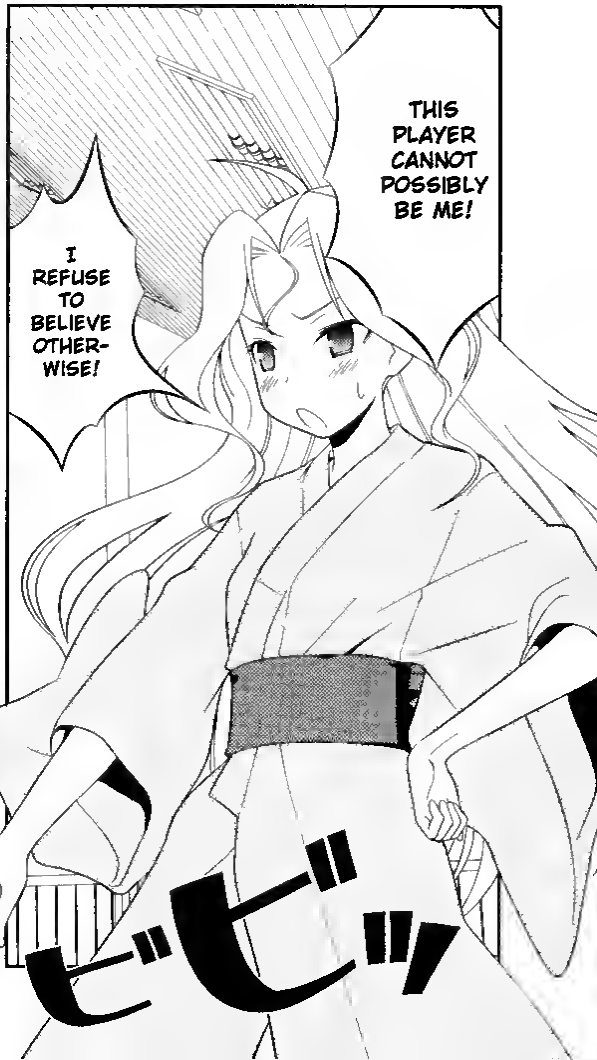
THIS PLAYER CANNOT POSSIBLY BE ME!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE OTHER-WISE!
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THAT'S ...
?

EH?
FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THAT'S THE TAKATOOBARA MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM
HARAMURA NODOKA'S MIDDLE SCHOOL...
AAH. THEN...
THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US!!
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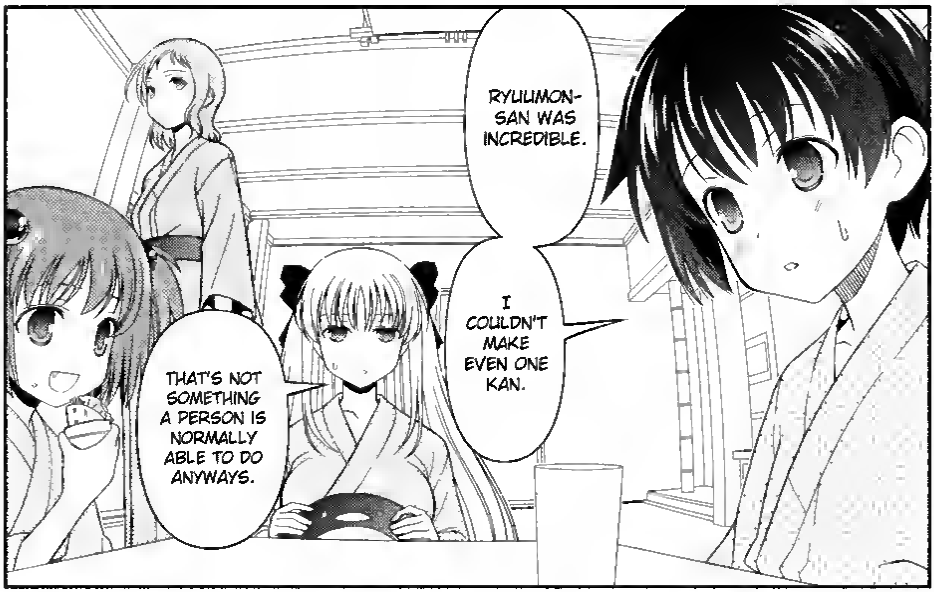
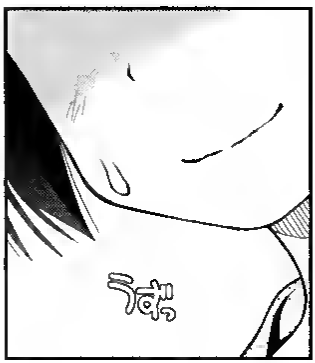

RYUUMON-SAN WAS INCREDIBLE.
I COULDN'T MAKE EVEN ONE KAN.
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING A PERSON IS NORMALLY ABLE TO DO ANYWAYS.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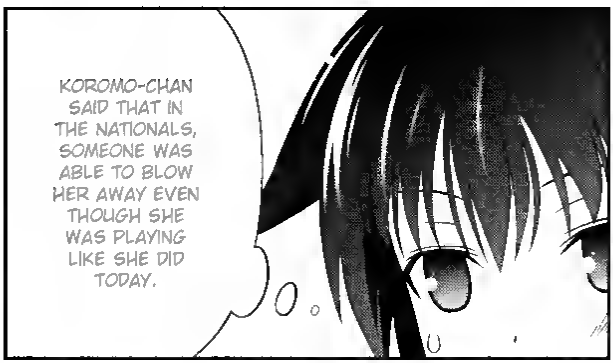
KOROMO-CHAN SAID THAT IN THE NATIONALS, SOMEONE WAS ABLE TO BLOW HER AWAY EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS PLAYING LIKE SHE DID TODAY.

I'M GETTING EXCITED.
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HELLO.
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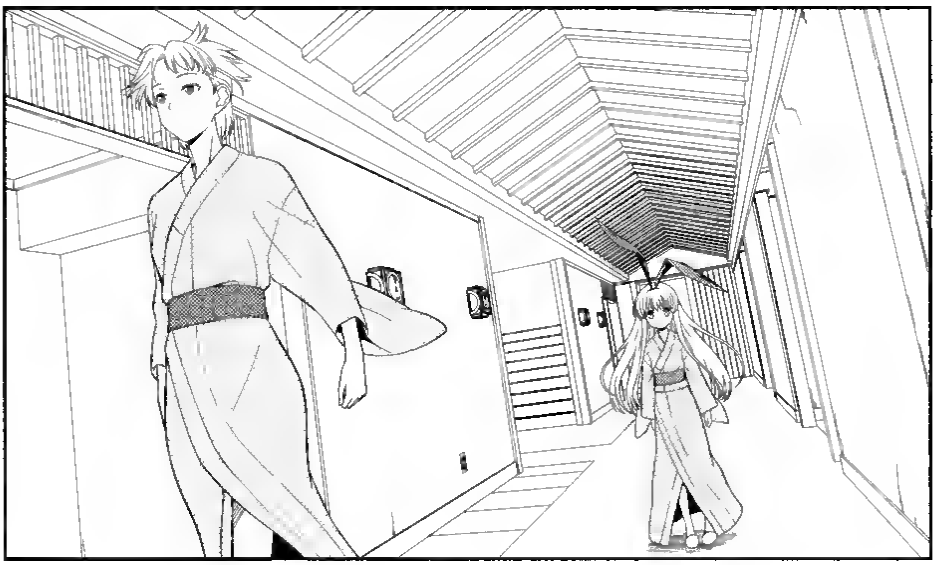
WE'RE HERE!
TH... THANK...
WH...
WHO?
MAHO-CHAN!
THE MURO-MAHO COMBO!
Takatoobara Middle School Third Year
Murohashi Hiroko
Takatoobara Middle School Second Year
Yumeno Maho

THEY'RE MY KOUHAI FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL. THEY WERE MY TEAMMATES IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM TOURNAMENT.
THEY SAID THAT THEY WANTED TO VISIT THE TRAINING CAMP.
AND I GAVE THEM MY OKAY.
THE MORE THE MERRIER, RIGHT?
SURE.
WITH SAKI AND NODOKA?
SINCE THEY WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF COMING HERE, WHY DON'T THEY PLAY A MATCH...



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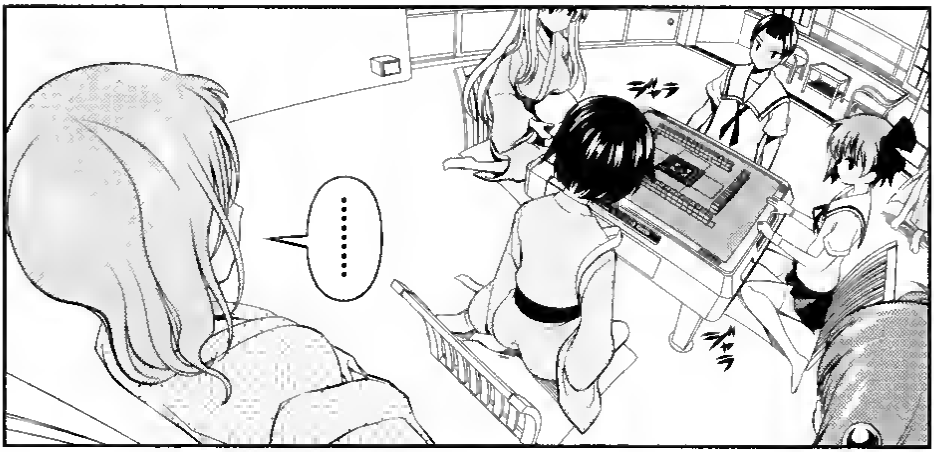
A NEW ONE…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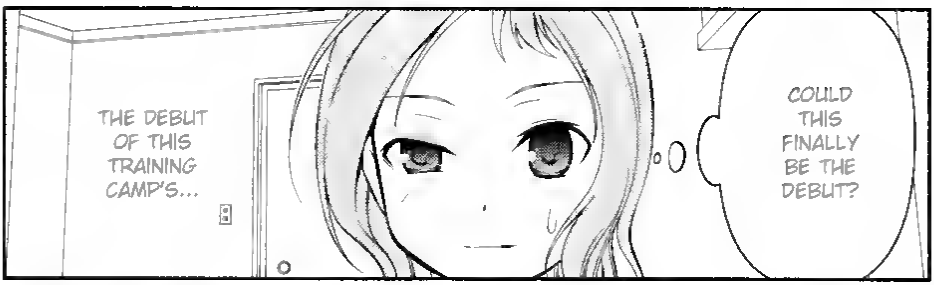
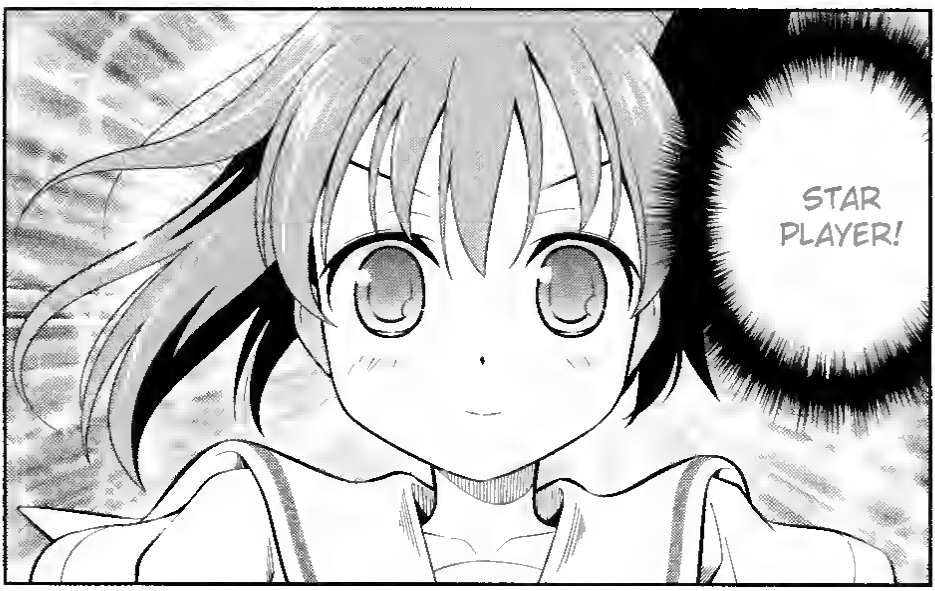

THE DEBUT OF THIS TRAINING CAMP'S...
COULD THIS FINALLY BE THE DEBUT?


STAR PLAYER!

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Wahaha
Waha~
.....
WHAT'S WRONG SATOMI CHAN?
I...

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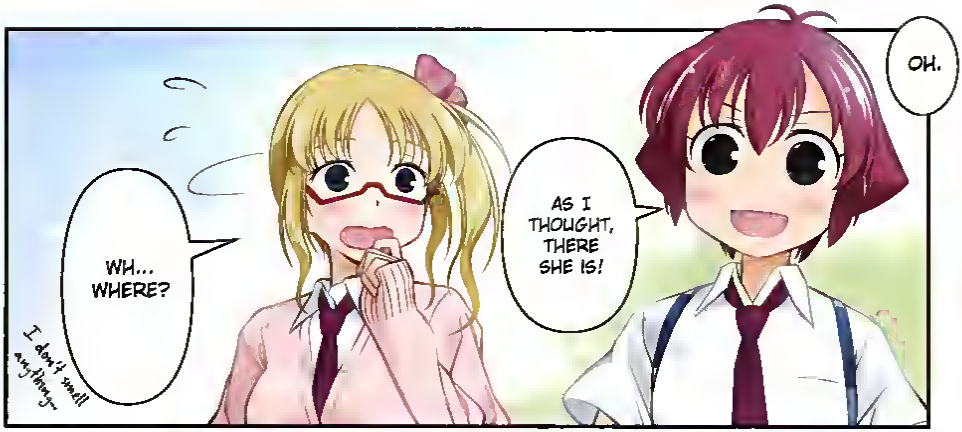
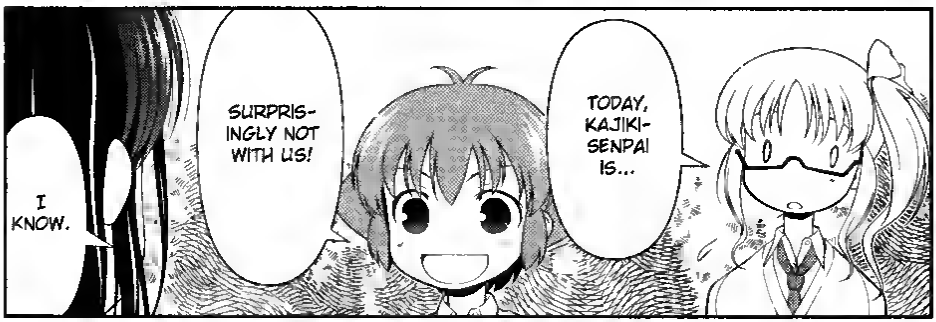
I CAN SMELL MOMO'S SCENT!
EEH !?
Vignette: Tsuruga's Tale


OH.
AS I THOUGHT, THERE SHE IS!
WH... WHERE?
I don't smell anything.

I SEE...
YEAH ...
EVEN THOUGH EVEN KAJIKI-SENPAI CAN'T SEE ME ALL THE TIME.
BECAUSE WE'VE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TOGETHER, I'VE DEVEL-OPED THE ABILITY TO DETECT YOUR ODOR!
It's from helping with my parents' business!
IT ONLY WORKS IF YOU'RE STANDING UPWIND OF ME, THOUGH ...

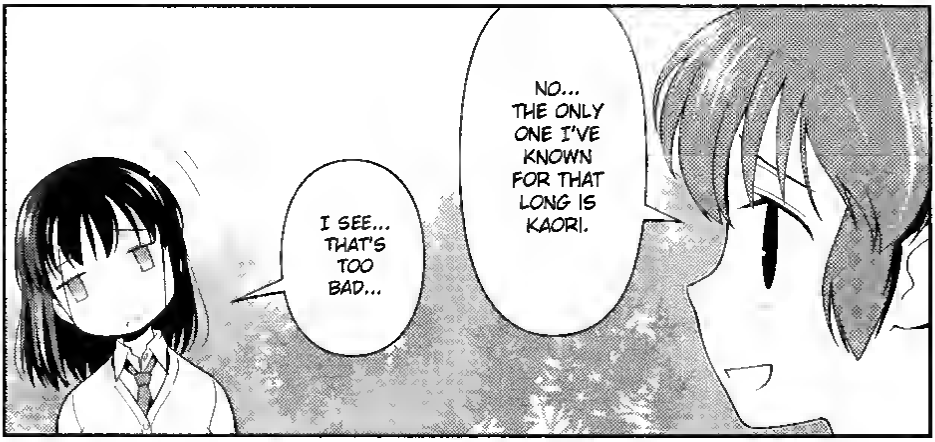
AND WHAT KIND OF ODOR IS THAT...
DON'T WORRY, IT'S A GOOD SMELL.


I KNOW.
SURPRISINGLY NOT WITH US!
TODAY, KAJIKI-SENPAI IS...

THERE ARE STILL THINGS EVEN I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SENPAI...
THAT'S NOT A LINE SOMEONE WHO'S ONLY KNOWN HER TWO MONTHS SHOULD BE SAYING.

SHE'S RUNNING AN IMPORTANT ERRAND TODAY.

I'M NOT GOOD AT REMEMBERING THINGS ABOUT MYSELF, LET ALONE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.
I CAN REMEMBER EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU, SATOMI-CHAN.
!
THAT'S REMINDS ME... PRESIDENT KANBARA, YOU'VE KNOWN KAJIKI-SENPAI FOR A LONG TIME, HAVEN'T YOU?
HM?
WELL, LONGER THAN YOU HAVE.
WANT TO HEAR A BIT ABOUT OUR PAST?
I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT!!
ABOUT WHEN SHE WAS IN KINDER-GARTEN...
ABOUT WHEN SHE WAS IN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL...
I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT ALL OF IT!!


NO... THE ONLY ONE I'VE KNOWN FOR THAT LONG IS KAORI.
I SEE... THAT'S TOO BAD...

WELL ...

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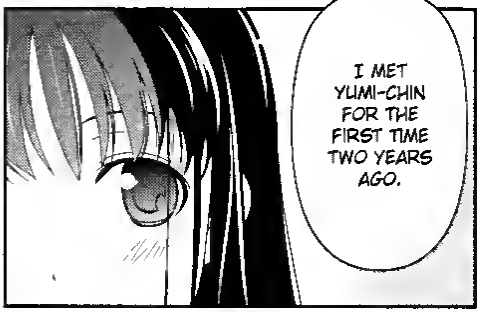
I MET YUMI-CHIN FOR THE FIRST TIME TWO YEARS AGO.

IT WASN'T A DRAMATIC MEETING OR ANYTHING, BUT...

Two years ago...
SO THIS IS THE HIGH SCHOOL FLOOR...
Wahh
1-A
ガラッ
FIRST ONE HERE!
1-B
Two Years Ago
Tsuruga Academy
First Year
Kanbara Satomi

EXCEPT I'M NOT.
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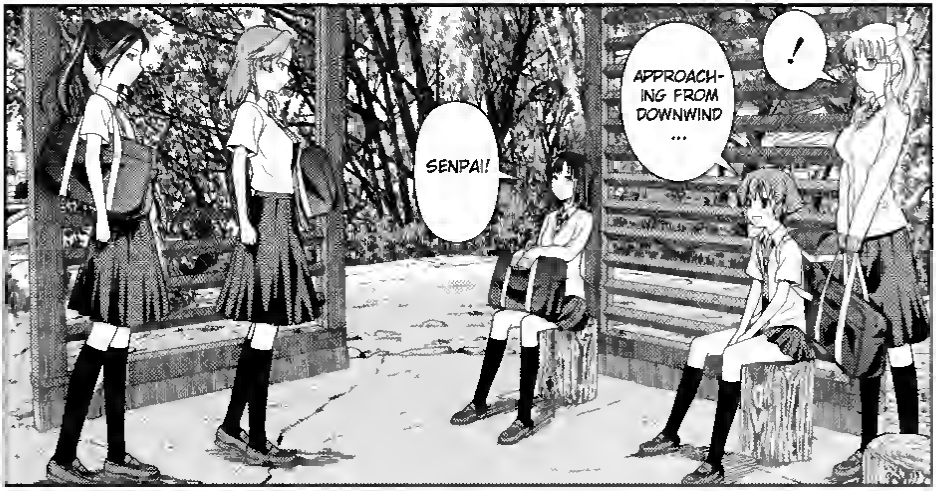
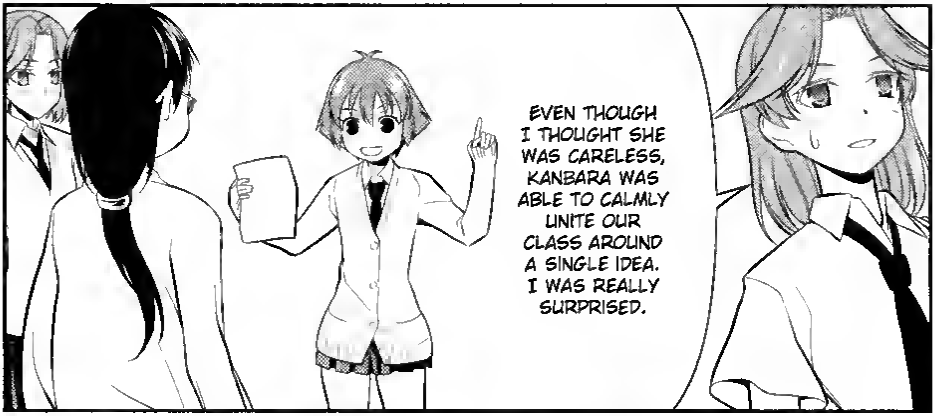
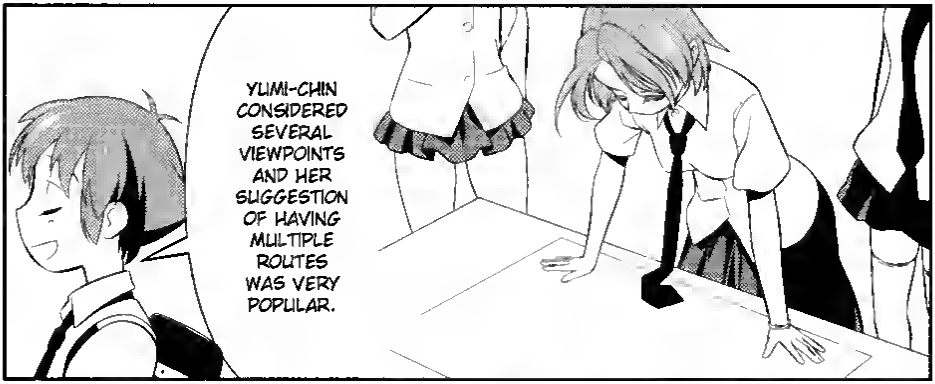
プイ
Two Years Ago
Tsuruga Academy
First Year
Kajiki Yumi
Waha~
I THOUGHT SHE LOOKED LIKE A GLOOMY ICE QUEEN.
I CAN SORT OF PICTURE IT.
AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN IDIOT WITH AN EMPTY-HEADED GRIN.


SENPAI!
APPROACH-ING FROM DOWNWIND ...
!

BACK THEN, YOU'D HARDLY EVEN SAY HELLO TO ME.
OUR FIRST REAL CONVERSATION WAS AT THE TSURUGA FESTIVAL.
AH... THAT'S RIGHT.
WE WERE DOING THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

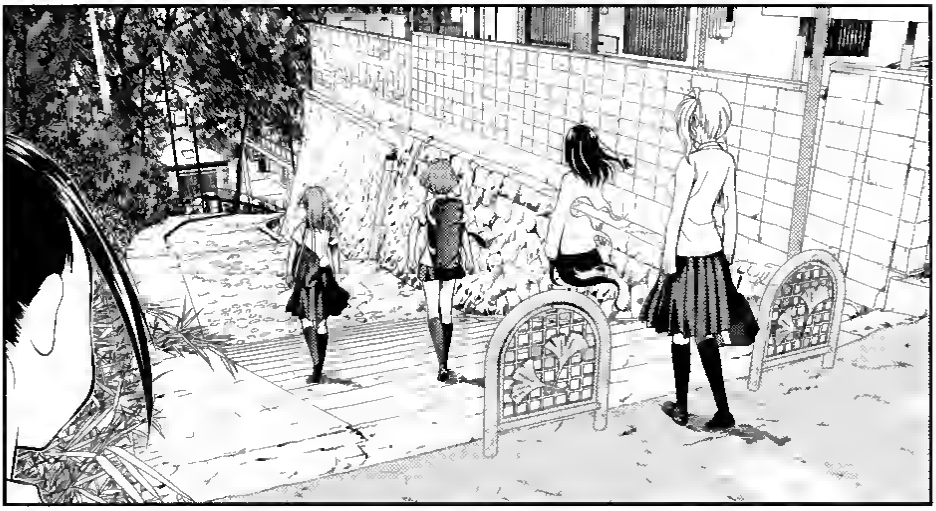

EVEN THOUGH I THOUGHT SHE WAS CARELESS, KANBARA WAS ABLE TO CALMLY UNITE OUR CLASS AROUND A SINGLE IDEA. I WAS REALLY SURPRISED.


YUMI-CHIN CONSIDERED SEVERAL VIEWPOINTS AND HER SUGGESTION OF HAVING MULTIPLE ROUTES WAS VERY POPULAR.

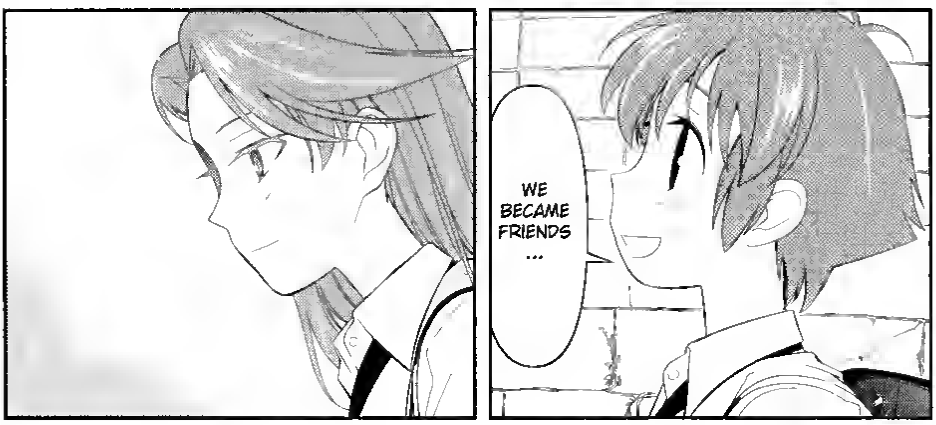
THAT REMINDS ME... BACK THEN PEOPLE WERE SAYING STUFF ABOUT THERE BEING A GHOST WEARING A SAILOR UNIFORM ..

COULD THAT REALLY HAVE BEEN MOMO?

THE TSURUGA FESTIVAL TWO YEARS AGO ONLY HAD ONE HAUNTED HOUSE, RIGHT?
YEAH.
I WENT TO IT! IT WAS REALLY GOOD!



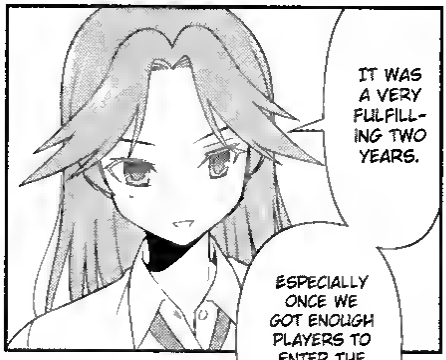
SO AFTER THAT, YOU CAME TO RESPECT EACH OTHER?
THAT'S NOT QUITE HOW IT HAPPENED ...


WE BECAME FRIENDS ...

THE DAY BEFORE THE TSURUGA FESTIVAL TWO YEARS AGO!
WHILE WAITING FOR THE HAUNTED HOUSE TO BE CONSTRUCTED, WE PLAYED MAHJONG WITH CARDS. YUMI-CHIN WAS A TOTAL CASUAL.
THE NEXT DAY, SHE BOUGHT A BOOK ON MAHJONG AND CHALLENGED US TO A REMATCH.
EH?
SENPAI... YOU MEAN YOU WEREN'T ALWAYS SUCH A GREAT PLAYER?
UWAH ...
THAT'S RIGHT. MAYBE YOU'VE EVEN BEEN PLAYING LONGER THAN ME, MOMO.

SO...
THAT'S HOW THE MAHJONG CLUB WAS FORMED?
AH...

YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT STARTING FROM TODAY, TSUYAMA.
YES.

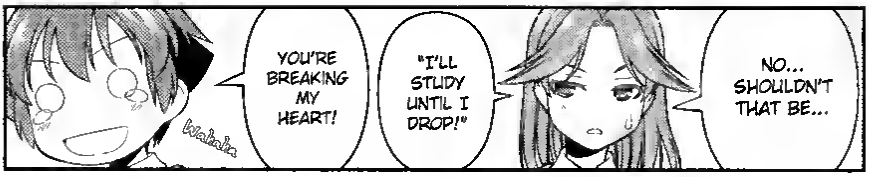

IT WAS A VERY FULFILLING TWO YEARS.

ESPECIALLY ONCE WE GOT ENOUGH PLAYERS TO ENTER THE TEAM TOURNAMENT.

SO THIS IS WHAT THE IMPORTANT ERRAND WAS ABOUT?
EVEN THOUGH SATOMI-CHAN IS THE PRESIDENT, KAJIKI-SENPAI IS THE ONE PASSING THE POSITION ON?
HOW MYSTE-RIOUS.
Wakaba
EH...
YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE AGAIN?
NEXT TIME THERE'S A HOLIDAY, I'LL TAKE EVERYONE SOMEWHERE TOGETHER
EVEN AFTER THIS, I'LL STILL COME TO THE CLUB EVERY CHANCE I GET.
I REALLY LIKE IT!
YOU'RE MAKING ME WOR-RIED...
EVER SINCE SHE GOT HER LICENSE, I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT HER TO DRIVE US PLACES ALL THE TIME.

ALL RIGHT!
SO THAT WE WON'T REGRET IT EVEN IF SUMMER NEVER COMES AGAIN...

LET'S PLAY UNTIL WE DROP!


Wahaha
YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART!
"I'LL STUDY UNTIL I DROP!"
NO... SHOULDN'T THAT BE...

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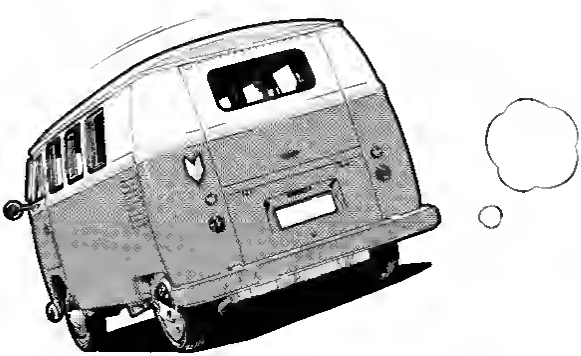

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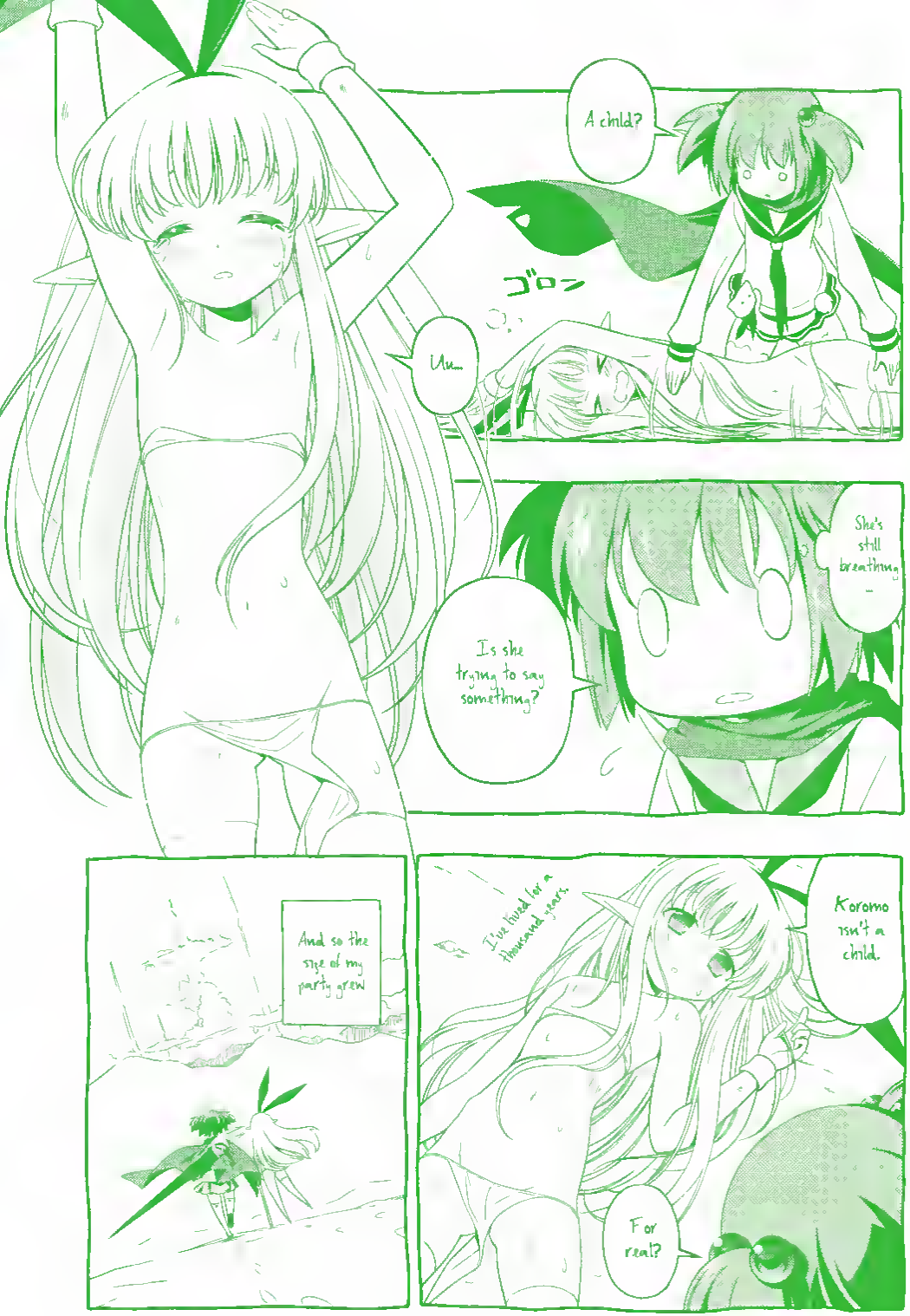

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